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Chapter 401: Palm of Sorrow, Refining An Emperor Weapon, The Mysterious Being Of The Vitality Quarter

In the Towering Heaven Palace of the Black Heaven Sect.

Chu Kuangren was keeping count of what he had gotten from the Imperial Palace.

He had reaped lots of rewards this time. Aside from the three remarkable treasures that Chu Kuangren had gotten from the Qian Imperial Palace, the rest of the items could also fetch a high value. This was such as the Emperor's Blood and the Supreme Elixirs.

Just the Supreme Elixirs itself was enough to make any sage orthodoxies go crazy over it. Combining these treasures with the loot that Chu Kuangren had gotten from the Serpent Deity's treasure trove, Chu Kuangren now had the resources to lift the Black Heaven Sect to a whole new level.

"This scroll is one of the Nine Great Emperor Techniques."

Chu Kuangren opened the wooden box and was shocked by its content.

The Emperor Technique scroll found within the box had the same origins as the other Emperor Scrolls that Chu Kuangren previously found. "What a coincidence."

Chu Kuangren unrolled the scroll and studied it before discovering that the scroll was the description of an Emperor Technique known as the Palm of Sorrow.

As usual, the technique was related to its name.

"Finger of Despair, Raging Gods Fist, and now the Palm of Sorrow... It seems like all of these techniques are related to the Daoist core and a person's emotions. Could the other Emperor Techniques follow a similar pattern too?" Chu Kuangren murmured to himself and kept the Palm of Sorrow's scroll away.

He then averted his attention to the other two items.

It was an Emperor Scripture and an Emperor's Weapon, a defensive black armor.

Chu Kuangren decided to refine the Emperor's Weapon first.

Through his previous experience of refining the Emyrean Neptune's Trident Halberd, Chu Kuangren was now familiar with the process.

Approximately three days later, Chu Kuangren was close to refining it to completion. Perhaps it was the heaven's will, but Chu Kuangren had also discovered the true name of the Emperor's Weapon. It was called the Innate Ferocious Armor!

It was such a perfect complement to his Infallible Tormented Physique.

Upon consuming most of the Emperor's Opportunities of Fortune, Chu Kuangren finally emerged from closed doors.

Although Chu Kuangren had just gone through a closed-door meditation, he did not intend to slow down.

He was growing anxious over the remarks made by the Qian Emperor. It was not that he feared the people of the Nine Heavens or the Underworld Demonic Realm...

With Chu Kuangren's capabilities, he needed not fear anyone. Not unless an Emperor reappeared in this realm or he was surrounded by a group of Sage Rulers.

The source of his anxiety stemmed from the Black Heaven Sect.

In the Era of Great Battles, more and more powerhouses would emerge, each stronger than the last.

For the Black Heaven Sect to emerge triumphant in such an era, it could not rely solely on Chu Kuangren's capability.

"I must find a way to make the members stronger, especially for the group of Daoists like Nangong Huang. No matter what, they should at least be able to put on a great fight with the empyrean walkers," Chu Kuangren muttered.

There were only so many approaches for a cultivator to become stronger faster, such as improving their spiritual energies, Daoist Rhymes, equipment, and techniques...

"I could strengthen their spiritual energies through medicinal pills. As for their Daoist Rhymes, I could lend the Emperor Scriptures to them now that I'm almost done with it..."

"As for their equipment, there are plenty of Sage Weapons from the Serpent Deity's treasure. I'll dispense it accordingly when the time is ripe. As for their techniques, I'm familiar with many powerful techniques. However, an ordinary Sage Technique is not much use for them to improve..."

Chu Kuangren contemplated for a moment.

He then went to visit the alchemy hall.

Compared to a few years ago, the alchemy hall now included a section that was known as the Vitality Quarter. It was held as a sacred place by all Black Heaven Sect's alchemists!

It was because the Vitality Quarter was home to a mysterious presence that was well-familiar with any alchemy knowledge that dated back to ancient times. Whenever the alchemists faced any difficulties, they would come to the Vitality Quarter to seek their answers.

Chu Kuangren arrived at the Vitality Quarter.

However, there was already someone else in there.

It was one of the disciples of the alchemy hall.

The disciple was seeking guidance from the mysterious being of the Vitality Quarter after describing his problem in detail.

"Senior, how should I overcome this problem?"

The alchemy disciple asked.

“This problem’s way too simple. If you struggle with such a problem, you’re better off refocusing on your foundations first.”

An old, frail voice was heard in the Vitality Quarter.

The alchemy disciple was embarrassed but did not dare refute the being’s remark.

Rumor had it that even Master Gujiang had to show respect to this being. Once, Master Gujiang had gotten into a disagreement with this being over a medicinal recipe. In the end, the mysterious entity scolded and corrected Master Gujiang until he had nothing left to say.

Ever since then, Master Gujiang had been worshipping the mysterious being like it was a great deity.

If Gujiang had shown such a level of respect, a lowly disciple like him would surely need to hold himself to a higher standard.

“I’ll remember your teachings, Senior.”

The disciple hastily bowed and retreated.

When the disciple turned around, he bumped into Chu Kuangren at the entrance.

“Greetings, Sect Leader.” The disciples hastily bowed again. He did not expect to bump into his Sect Leader on a typical day, so he was flustered. After all, this was his first time being in such close contact with Chu Kuangren.

“Hmm.”

Chu Kuangren nodded.

“My visitor, speak thy question.”

The elderly voice of the Vitality Hall spoke to Chu Kuangren.

“You want to mess around with others, go ahead. Do it with me, and I’ll strangle you.”

Chu Kuangren said with a smile.

The disciple, who had yet to leave, was shocked. How could the Sect Leader utter such words to the godly entity of the Vitality Hall — an entity who was highly revered by countless alchemists including Master Gujiang?!

Yet he still threatened to strangle him?!

Oh heavens, the Sect Leader was in a different league.

After the disciple had left the hall.

An object resembling a Rubik’s Cube appeared before Chu Kuangren. It was the Legendary-grade item that Chu Kuangren had previously gotten from his daily gacha roll, the Vitality Pill Tome.

From the Rubik’s Cube, a little boy with a pair of ponytail braids and dressed in a red dudou appeared. The little boy was none other than the well-revered being of the Black Heaven Sect, the item sprite of the Vitality Pill Tome.

“Master, you should’ve saved me some face in front of an outsider. How am I supposed to give them guidance next time?”

The item sprite, Little Tian, said. Despite looking like a seven-year-old child, his voice strangely resembled that of an old person.

“Speak normally.”

“Cough, I may have gotten used to it.”

Little Tian coughed twice, reverting to his usual voice, and proceeded to leap around Chu Kuangren.

“Master, is there anything I can help with today?”

“Yes. I wish to find the recipe for a safe pill that could quickly strengthen one’s spiritual energy,” said Chu Kuangren.

Little Tian almost twisted his face at Chu Kuangren’s request. “Master, are you testing me on purpose? You want it to be both safe and effective, the best of both worlds. Do you know just how rare it is for such a pill to exist?”

“What now? Are you incapable of doing it?” Chu Kuangren smiled and said.

“Impossible! I’m Xiao Tian, the mighty item sprite of the Vitality Pill Tome. There’s hardly any medicinal pill that could escape my knowledge!”

Little Tian then transformed into a ray of golden light and entered the Rubik’s Cube to search for Chu Kuangren’s recipe.

Soon, a few pages of recipes appeared before Chu Kuangren.

“Pure Pellucid Pill, Spiritual Resurgence Pill, and Golden Jade Marrow Pill. The first two are Sage-grade medicinal pills, while the third one is a Boundary Sage-grade pill. These will surely satisfy your requirements,” said Little Tian excitedly.

“Not bad at all.”

Chu Kuangren smiled satisfyingly. He then retrieved the Soul Rejuvenation Herb that he had gotten from the Serpent Deity’s treasure trove and showed it to Little Tian. “Do you know what this is?”

“This is... a Soul Rejuvenation Herb!” Little Tian gasped in shock after he had studied the pill.

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“This is a Soul Rejuvenation Herb!”

Little Tian exclaimed in shock.

He studied the herb closer and said, “The Soul Rejuvenation Herb is a rare ingredient used to make medicinal pills that can provide rich nourishment to one’s soul.”

Chu Kuangren’s face lit up at the revelation. “Do you have any recipes for it?”

“Of course.”

Little Tian conjured a recipe page out of thin air and said, "Yin Yang Soul Pill. It is a pill that's made with the Soul Rejuvenation Herb as its main ingredient. Adding thirty-three other Yin elemental herbs and sixteen other Yang elemental herbs would yield a pill that could greatly strengthen one's soul by the power of Yin and Yang."

Chu Kuangren glimpsed at the recipe.

Aside from the Soul Rejuvenation Herb, the other ingredients were also of precious value. Fortunately, it was still considered an affordable ingredient for the Black Heaven Sect.

It was within Chu Kuangren's capability to follow the recipe.

"Once this pill is refined, my soul energy shall be strengthened even further, and in turn, I'd be able to wield the Emperor Weapons for a longer duration."

Chu Kuangren murmured to himself. His eyes were now glimmering with excitement.

The Emperor Weapons were his biggest trump card.

However, due to his limited cultivation level, the toll it took on his soul had severely limited his ability to use the Emperor Weapons.

If Chu Kuangren could strengthen his soul, he would undoubtedly be able to wield the Emperor Weapons longer. That in itself was a huge advantage for him.

There was no reason to delay this matter.

After Chu Kuangren mended out the details with Little Tian, he then arranged for someone to prepare the ingredients for the Yin Yang Soul Pill.

Meanwhile, Chu Kuangren had also made preparations to refine a batch of pills that could strengthen the Daoists' spiritual power.

Chu Kuangren spent the next couple of days in the alchemy hall.

From time to time, the Black Heaven Sect members would notice a billow of peculiar pill clouds forming above the alchemy hall.

Approximately seven days later, Chu Kuangren was finished refining the Yin Yang Soul Pill and the additional dozens of soul energy enhancement pills.

He gathered Nangong Huang and the other Daoists in the Towering Heaven Palace.

"I've called you here today to give you this." Chu Kuangren revealed the pills to the Daoists.

"These are called the Golden Jade Marrow Pills. It'll greatly strengthen your soul energies and cultivation level. Bring these back and consume a pill every ten days. In the long term, your spiritual power will increase by at least tenfold."

"I want all of you to ascend into the Supreme Honorable realm within a year. Can you do it?"

Chu Kuangren asked firmly.

The strongest among these Daoists was Nangong Huang, who was only a mid-stage Honorable. Yet, Chu Kuangren wanted all of them to become Supreme Honorables within a year?!

Such a request was unreasonable.

However, none of them doubted Chu Kuangren.

“Absolutely!”

Nangong Huang nodded and replied firmly.

“We’ll definitely ascend into the Supreme Honorable Realm within a year’s time!”

Murong Xuan and the others made their promises as well. Chu Kuangren could sense their determination in their eyes.

He smiled happily. “Very well.”

Then, he took out the Mindful Emperor Scripture and the Eternal Emperor Scripture. He said with a smile, “These are two Emperor Scriptures. I’ll place them on the highest floor of the scripture library. Feel free to study on your own time.”

When the Emperor Scriptures were revealed, an intimidating Emperor Aura emanated from it.

The Daoists tried hard to resist its oppressive presence.

They stared at the Emperor Scriptures in disbelief.

Did he say Emperor Scriptures?!

It was an item that was much sought after by countless cultivators!

What more, there were two of them?!

The Daoists did not know how to react. The Emperors’ inheritance had been long gone in Firmament Star, hence Emperor Scriptures were incredibly hard to come by.

Not even the unknown lands’ orthodoxies would be capable of showing off two Emperor Scriptures at once.

“The Emperor Scriptures are the documentation of the past Emperors’ insights into the cultivation of Dao. Before you begin, I must emphasize that the journey into Dao is different for everyone. Not even an Emperor’s insight will completely suit you.”

“Hence, take these scriptures as a reference and not an absolute source of truth. In my opinion, the cultivator’s greatest achievement lies not in becoming an Emperor, but in discovering their own path of Dao!”

Chu Kuangren said proudly.

Immediately, Daoist Rhymes seemed to reverberate in the skies.

In the depths of the Black Heaven Sect, the Sages looked towards the Towering Heaven Palace with deep contemplation, as if they had sensed the Daoist Rhymes.

“Just a few remarks are enough to garner a great dharma resonance. The Sect Leader’s understanding of the Dao has far surpassed that of any Sages.”

The Black Heaven Second Forefather lamented.

“I don’t find it surprising at all. The Sect Leader has always managed to slain Sages with minimal effort. I would find it hard to believe if someone claims that his understanding is below a Sage’s level.” the Black Heaven Third Forefather chuckled.

“Indeed.”

In the Towering Heaven Palace.

The words Chu Kuangren uttered had also resonated deeply within himself.

His understanding of Dao was indeed remarkable.

After all, very few could come across the opportunity to gain in-depth insights into four different Emperor Scriptures.

Judging from his understanding of Dao, Chu Kuangren might not even be far off from an Emperor.

The only thing Chu Kuangren lacked was discovering his own path of Dao!

He was still trying to figure out how to achieve such a feat.

After providing further instructions, Chu Kuangren distributed some of the Serpent Deity’s treasure to the Daoists.

The Daoists were burning with passion when they left the hall.

Their visit to the Towering Heaven Palace would mark the beginning of a transformative experience.

Never mind the rest of the items, but the Golden Jade Marrow Pill alone was already a remarkable item that could not be found in most sage orthodoxies.

Yet, the Daoists now found themselves in possession of three bottles of these pills, and each bottle contained a dozen of them!

More impressively, they also now had access to two Emperor Scriptures!

To come in contact with an Emperor’s possession required great fortune, let alone access these Emperors’ records about the ways of Dao.

It was one of the most precious Emperor-Grade treasures one could ever find.

“Lan Yu, thanks for seeing us out.”

The Daoists expressed their gratitude for Lan Yu, who accompanied them to the entrance.

Standing at the entrance, Lan Yu stared at the Daoists with her solemn eyes. “Please remember to not let Master down.”

The Daoist immediately felt a chill down their spines.

The Daoists were so elated from acquiring the precious items that they had almost forgotten the reason behind Chu Kuangren's gesture.

Having entrusted the precious pills and Emperor Scriptures to them, Chu Kuangren must have great expectations for them to succeed.

The Daoists began to recover their sense of urgency.

"We won't let the Sect Leader down."

"That's right."

"From tomorrow onwards, I will train many times harder to succeed!"

Nangong Huang, Murong Xuan, and the other Daoists said.

As Daoists of the Black Heaven Sect, they were the future pillars of the sage orthodoxy. Chu Kuangren's expectations aside, they had every reason to work harder than others.

In the Towering Heaven Palace, Chu Kuangren was resting below a tree when Lan Yu approached him.

"Master, Nangong Huang and the rest have left."

Chu Kuangren nodded. "Alright. Now that the Firmament Star is undergoing a drastic change, I'll surely become everyone's favorite target. The Daoists are the future of the Black Heaven Sect, so I can only hope they grow faster and become independent soon."

Chu Kuangren took out a Yin and Yang Ring and passed it to Lan Yu. "I've prepared these for you. It'll be beneficial for your cultivation."

"Thank you, Master." Lan Yu gripped onto the ring tightly, her eyes burning with determination. She possessed far greater ambitions than everyone else. It was only with such ambitions that Lan Yu could continue serving alongside Chu Kuangren.

Chapter 403: A Conference, Sage Ruler Zhang Guang's Analysis, Surround The Black Heaven Sect

After Chu Kuangren's briefing with the Daoists, he went behind closed doors, consumed the Yin Yang Soul Pill, and began upgrading his soul energy.

While he was in closed-door meditation.

In the outside world.

At the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace of the unknown lands.

"Haha, I see, I see!"

The current Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace Lord, Sage Ruler Zhang Guang, was staring into an archive book. It seemed like he had just understood something and was laughing heartily at his newfound revelation.

Purplevoid Sage came and asked in curiosity, "Palace Lord, what're you so happy about?"

"Purplevoid, didn't you express your intent to destroy Chu Kuangren a few days before?" Sage Ruler Zhang Guang said.

"Yes, I did. But didn't you cancel the plan because Chu Kuangren is somehow related to the Headless Lady?"

Purplevoid Sage said helplessly.

He was initially not aware of Chu Kuangren's ties with the Headless Lady. If there was a single misstep, it would result in a huge problem.

No matter how furious he was with Chu Kuangren, the fate of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace was at stake.

"Cancel? Impossible!"

Sage Ruler Zhang Guang laughed in malice. "Chu Kuangren's existence has threatened the balance in this world. We need to rid him as soon as we can, but before that, we need the perfect plan to do so."

"For the past few days, I've been diving deep into research about the Headless Lady, and I've finally figured out Chu Kuangren's tactics."

Purplevoid Sage immediately raised his eyebrows. "What do you mean by that, Palace Lord?"

"Heh, inform the Sect Leaders of Acheron Manor, Ethereal Rapture, Craggy Ocean Tower, and the other orthodoxies, and gather them in this hall. It's about time we get rid of this pest that's called Chu Kuangren!"

Sage Ruler Zhang Guang said with a cold determination.

"Alright."

Soon, a few ancient bronze mirrors were positioned in the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace's grand hall. Each bronze mirror reflected rays of light that manifested into the figures of the various Sect Leaders.

The Craggy Ocean Tower Lord, Acheron Manor Lord, and others were using their spiritual thought forms to appear in the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace.

It was one of the secret techniques that the orthodoxies in the unknown lands used to communicate with each other. It was only used for a highly important conference.

"It's rare for you to summon us through the Mirror Reflection Arts. Has anything happened, Brother Zhang Guang?" A middle-aged man with white temple hair asked. He was the Black Moon Tower Lord.

"I've called this meeting to discuss a problem that we need to get rid of, which is Chu Kuangren," Sage Ruler Zhang Guang said.

The Sect Leaders then looked at each other.

The Craggy Ocean Tower Lord, who was a gray-robed elder, said, "Chu Kuangren's existence is indeed a threat to us all, but his power is not to be underestimated even by us. Besides, he's capable of

summoning the power of the Headless Lady. How are you going to resolve that problem, Brother Zhang Guang?"

Upon hearing the mention of the Headless Lady, a man with a golden scale protruding from his forehead turned solemn and muttered coldly, "I guess I don't need to tell you just how terrifying the Headless Lady is. If we don't get rid of her, how are we going to get rid of Chu Kuangren?"

"Heh, Chasm Dweller, I already had a solution in mind when I called you here," Sage Ruler Zhang Guang said with a smile.

The rest were pleasantly surprised.

"Brother Zhang Guang, have you found a way to get rid of the Headless Lady?"

"How's that possible? The Headless Lady was an Emperor in her past life. How's the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace capable of defeating her?"

"What's going on?"

The Sect Leaders were incredulous.

Although the unknown lands were a group of formidable cultivators, the power of an Emperor thrived far beyond that. To defeat an Emperor was almost an impossible task. Otherwise, the Bottomless Chasm would not have suffered such irreparable damage.

"Indeed, the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace is incapable of defeating the Headless Lady. However, so does the Black Heaven Sect!" Sage Ruler Zhang Guang said.

"What do you mean?"

The Dark Moon Tower Lord asked.

"I've studied the archives and found that the Headless Lady has appeared several times throughout history. According to the description, the Headless Lady has always behaved peculiarly. It is almost as if she's in a constant state of searching for her head..."

"Before Chu Kuangren's appearance, the Headless Lady first appeared several thousand years ago when she fought with a Boundary Emperor. The Boundary Emperor was severely injured, but he managed to escape with a lady's head in his hands. Ever since then, there has been no further information about the Boundary Emperor's whereabouts."

"If I'm guessing correctly, the unnamed islands that recently appeared on the sea was where the Boundary Emperor resided. Since the Headless Lady's head was in his possession, the reappearance of the island was sure to draw the Headless Lady's attention."

"Everyone knows that Chu Kuangren has gotten his hands on the Opportunity of Fortune on the unnamed island. I'm guessing that the Opportunity of Fortune could very well consist of the lady's head. Chu Kuangren must've used the head to lead the Headless Lady into the Bottomless Chasm. It's how he's been influencing the Headless Lady all along!"

Sage Ruler Zhang Guang explained his findings.

The Sect Rulers seemed to be convinced by his explanation.

“Chu Kuangren cannot control the Headless Lady, but he can draw her attention to a location, which is enough to cause collateral damage to all of us. However, if we combine our army and surround the Black Heaven Sect, Chu Kuangren will not summon the Headless Lady no matter how crazy he is.”

“Once the uncontrollable Headless Lady appears in the Black Heaven Sect, it would spell the demise for his orthodoxy.”

Sage Ruler Zhang Guang continued to explain.

He had finished his analysis on the Headless Lady. All that was left now was to convince the sage orthodoxies of the unknown lands to join hands in attacking the Black Heaven Sect and get rid of Chu Kuangren once and for all!

“Since Chu Kuangren can no longer summon the Headless Lady, I must avenge the Bottomless Chasm. Count me in your plans!” The Great Chasm Dweller Lord of the Bottomless Chasm said.

“Acheron Manor’s empyrean walker has also perished in Chu Kuangren’s hand. I must make him pay for this.”

The Acheron Manor Lord had also accepted Sage Ruler Zhang Guang’s proposal.

The rest of the Sect Leaders were still hesitating at this point.

“Count the Ethereal Rapture in.”

Master Daoist Yun Tao of the Ethereal Rapture said. He still held a grudge against Chu Kuangren for taking away his premium Celestial chalcedony. He would not easily let go of this great opportunity to destroy Chu Kuangren.

“Everyone, Chu Kuangren poses a great threat to everyone here. This mission is all-or-nothing! The more power we have, the better our odds are!”

Sage Ruler Zhang Guang pledged the remaining Sect Leaders for their allegiance.

“This is a major issue. Please allow me three days to think it over.”

The Craggy Ocean Tower Lord said.

“Sure. Please come back to me with your answers in three days. I’ll assume that you refuse to participate in this mission if I don’t hear from you by then.”

Sage Ruler Zhang Guang said.

“Alright.”

“Understood.”

The attendants replied before their spiritual thought forms faded away.

In the Craggy Ocean Tower.

The Craggy Ocean Tower Lord was still hesitating over the proposal. "Chu Kuangren is unpredictable. Only heaven knows how many tricks he has left up his sleeves. Besides, he still has the Headless Lady's head in his possession. What if he goes haywire and takes everyone down with him? This is a matter of great concern, and I must think carefully about this."

At that instance, a young man walked into the hall.

"Oh, Yuan Xian, why are you back?"

The Craggy Ocean Tower Lord was surprised to see him.

Yuan Xian was Craggy Ocean Tower's new empyrean walker after the death of Li Ze.

"Honorable Master, I've come back to inform you that I've found Li Ze's murderer," Yuan Xian said solemnly.

"Who's it?"

The Craggy Ocean Tower Lord muttered in a cold tone.

"It's Chu Kuangren!"

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"It's Chu Kuangren!"

Yuan Xian said solemnly.

The Craggy Ocean Tower Lord was appalled to hear this.

"What? How could it be him?!"

"Li Ze was once a member of the Nine Head Clan. When I first went to the clan to investigate, I didn't find any useful information. But I did hear that the Royal Azure Dynasty Crown Prince, Gu Changge, has betrayed his kingdom and stolen the Nine-Headed Snakelet Pearl. I couldn't help but think if that incident is somehow related to Senior Brother Li Ze."

"I then investigated further and found that Chu Kuangren has since returned the Nine-Headed Snakelet Pearl to the Royal Azure Dynasty. It's possible that Chu Kuangren did not get the pearl from Gu Changge, but he snatched it away from Senior Brother Li Ze instead."

"I'm quite certain that it's Chu Kuangren who killed Senior Brother Li Ze," Yuan Xian said with confidence.

The Craggy Ocean Tower Lord grimaced in anger as a terrifying aura erupted from his body. "Chu Kuangren, I had second thoughts about participating in the operation. However, now that I know you were the one who killed my favorite disciple, my hatred for you shall last until you die!"

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On the other side.

In the Sacred Palace of Death.

The Sacred Death Palace Lord, who was radiating with a peculiar form of death qi, had called a meeting to order.

They were discussing whether to participate in Sage Ruler Zhang Guang's plan to attack the Black Heaven Sect.

"Palace Lord, Chu Kuangren must die!"

An elder said, "As long as Chu Kuangren is still alive, he'll monopolize the Opportunities of Fortune left by the Emperors, leaving no chance for the rest to ascend!"

"That's right."

"The Era of Great Battle cannot tolerate such an anomaly."

"Besides, one of the palace's previous protectors, the Blacklight Sage, once possessed a formidable technique that was known as the Gluttonous Devouring Technique. It seems like this technique is now in Chu Kuangren's hands. We must take back what belongs to this Sacred Palace."

"Agreed."

Since most of the elders agreed for the Sacred Palace of Death to participate in the operation against the Black Heaven Sect, the Palace Lord himself also agreed with the proposal.

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In the depths of the ocean.

Rays of blue light shot up to the sky and, in the void, it transformed into a formation of eccentric and majestic underwater structures.

The most unique amongst these structures were the ascending palaces that had an unprecedented design. Evidently, it was designed by the finest of craftsmen. The palace structures were elegant and grand, symbolizing the rich history of the ocean.

It was a building that had survived countless ages.

This was one of the mysterious kingdoms of the underwater world... The Bottomless Chasm!

On this day, the Bottomless Chasm appeared in this world!

"We, the Bottomless Chasm, founded one hundred and sixty thousand years ago, hereby announce our arrival in this world. Those who are keen are welcome to join us!"

At the same time.

In the Black Warrior Domain, a surge of Daoist Rhyme appeared at a mountain peak and spread to almost half of Firmament Star.

A spectacular castle appeared out of thin air and situated itself perfectly on the peak.

"We, the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace, founded one hundred and eighty thousand years ago, hereby announce our arrival in this world. Those who are keen are welcome to join our orthodoxy!"

In the Scarlet Phoenix Domain.

Within a quiet forest, fierce death qi flooded the air, turning the entire region into a wasteland.

Deep within the forest, a sinister black castle appeared.

"We are the Sacred Palace of Death, founded forty-three thousand years ago. We hereby invite keen cultivators to join our orthodoxy and transcend beyond the cycle of life and death."

"We are the Craggy Ocean Tower..."

"We are the Ethereal Rapture..."

One by one, the orthodoxies projected their announcement to all of Firmament Star.

The Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace, Bottomless Chasm, Craggy Ocean Tower, Ethereal Rapture, Sacred Palace of Death, and many more orthodoxies from the unknown lands had made their appearances at the same time!

Many cultivators were dumbfounded.

"Holy sh*t! Did all of the unknown lands make their grand entrances altogether?!"

"What's this now? Why this all of the sudden?"

"This is going to be interesting. Now that all of the unknown lands have appeared, it'll surely disrupt the status quo. The current sage orthodoxies can now only be at their mercy."

"There are only two options left for the current sage orthodoxies. It's either they pledge their allegiance to the unknown lands, or they risk losing out on cultivation resources. In the worst case, they may even be decimated if they end up offending the unknown lands."

"That's right. Times have changed now."

The appearance of the unknown lands had shocked everyone.

Many were left guessing what their first course of action would be. Would they first expand their territories or recruit new cultivators?

However, before the cultivators could guess any further, the orthodoxies of the unknown lands made yet another shocking revelation.

"The Bottomless Chasm's first objective is to destroy the Black Heaven Sect!"

A cold voice reverberated from the deep ocean.

"The Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace's first objective is to destroy the Black Heaven Sect!"

A loud, magnificent voice echoed from the mountain peak.

"The Ethereal Rapture's first objective is to destroy the Black Heaven Sect!"

The orthodoxies of the unknown lands announced their common goal in unison, which was to destroy the Black Heaven Sect.

It was almost as if they had made prior arrangements.

The sole purpose of their appearance was to annihilate all of Black Heaven Sect.

Firmament Star was in a great commotion. Countless orthodoxies and cultivators were keeping a close eye on the unknown lands' next move.

"These unknown lands surely have style. Their first mission in the outside world is to go after the Black Heaven Sect."

"Heh, I bet it has something to do with Chu Kuangren."

"For sure. The Black Heaven Sect isn't an outstanding orthodoxy in any way, but it has the notorious Chu Kuangren. Who else would they go after if not him?"

"Sigh. Unfortunately, Chu Kuangren doesn't understand the importance of keeping a low profile. Otherwise, he wouldn't have to deal with such a consequence."

"The Black Heaven Sect's fate has been sealed. With so many of the unknown lands attacking them, they would surely perish even if they have ten times the power. Chu Kuangren alone cannot stop this attack."

The reactions varied across orthodoxies. However, for those who had an unpleasant past with the Black Heaven Sect such as the Linghu clan and Overlord Sage Tribe, they were particularly pleased with such news.

"Haha, this serves that cocky Chu Kuangren right! Now, his entire Black Heaven Sect shall be buried along with him!"

The Overlord Sage Tribe Leader laughed heartily at the announcement.

"Chu Kuangren, I never would've thought your time would come!"

The Linghu clan's head smirked as he stared into the Black Heaven Sect's direction. He then said to an elder, "Put the word out that the Linghu clan is willing to join forces with the unknown lands in their attack against the Black Heaven Sect!"

"Alright."

Following the Linghu clan's announcement, other orthodoxies saw a similar opportunity to do so as well.

"This Linghu clan surely is cunning. By joining this operation, not only can they seek their revenge from the Black Heaven Sect, but it'll be a great opportunity to ally with the unknown lands too!"

"Quick, send someone to the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace and inform them that the Overlord Sage Tribe is willing to send its armies to the Black Heaven Sect."

"Spread the word out that the Thunder Falcon Tribe is willing to be at the frontline of this attack against the Black Heaven Sect."

"Hmph, the Sky Emperor Palace will not just stand by and watch in this operation!"

"Chu Kuangren has killed our lord, the Serpent Deity. The Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands can no longer tolerate his existence. We shall participate in this attack against the Black Heaven Sect as well!"

“The Eight Wind Palace is eager to join too!”

Those who were at odds with the Black Heaven Sect took this opportunity to kill two birds with one stone — to seek retribution and strengthen diplomacy with the unknown lands. In fact, even orthodoxies that held no grudges against the Black Heaven Sect did not want to miss out on the opportunity to get onto the good side of the unknown lands.

As one powerhouse after another announced its allegiance, most cultivators were left stunned.

Within a day, the Black Heaven Sect was suddenly an irrefutable evil entity that had to be eliminated at all costs!

For the Black Heaven Sect, it was now them against the world!

Chapter 405: Conjurer’s Talent, Die Together Or Leave

Destroy the Black Heaven Sect first!

This was the unknown lands’ pledge after they appeared in this world.

Following their announcements, many opportunists and enemies of the Black Heaven Sect had also pledged their support for the unknown lands!

These orthodoxies included the Overlord Sage Tribe, Linghu clan, Sky Emperor Palace, and the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands.

Typically, these orthodoxies would not have had the guts to provoke the Black Heaven Sect. However, things were a little different now.

With the unknown lands on their side, the orthodoxies saw that the only option left for the Black Heaven Sect was death!

Almost everyone agreed with such speculation.

It was now the Black Heaven Sect against the entire world!

Their defeat was certain. No matter how strong Chu Kuangren was, he would not be able to save this situation.

As the attack against the Black Heaven Sect gained even more traction, the cultivators busily involved themselves in gossip. All of Firmament Star was as lively as the New Year.

They were ready to observe what was to come.

Indeed, not only would the Black Heaven Sect be destroyed in this battle, but the cultivators were more eager to witness the demise of an extraordinary sky-pride.

“The nail that stood out will always be hammered.”

“Although he is unparalleled in his generation, I’m afraid it’s just impossible for him to fight against the entire world. Such a shame for Chu Kuangren.”

“I have to agree.”

“However, it’s only with his death that the other sky-prides stand a chance in ascending into Emperor-hood. Otherwise, who could possibly possess the power to rival him?”

“Not a single person can defeat him, and unfortunately, it was his overbearing excellence that has brought upon his demise. Provoking the hostility of the entire world would definitely do him no good!”

Countless cultivators were lamenting about Chu Kuangren’s fate.

Many were also rushing towards the Black Heaven Sect.

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“Congratulations, Host. You’ve won a Legendary-grade talent, Conjuror’s Talent!”

Hmm?!

Chu Kuangren had just exited his closed-door meditation before he took a turn at the Fantasy Roulette. His reward had certainly piqued his curiosity.

Chu Kuangren opened the item’s description.

‘Conjuror, beings that predate the ancient era. Long ago in Firmament Star, Conjurors were once the dominant force of this world.’

‘They did not train their spiritual powers nor their flesh. All they focused on was their thoughts!’

‘With a single thought, they could toy with life and death.’

‘With a single thought, they could control the blossoming and withering of the flowers.’

‘With a single thought, they could summon ferocious thunderstorms and disastrous blizzards!’

‘However, as the Conjurors dwelled in forbidden practices, they soon invoked an apocalyptic calamity that wiped most of them out of existence. Since then, a Conjuror’s Talent was all but a rare existence. Their legacy had long been wiped out by the passage of time.’

“This looks powerful.”

Chu Kuangren stroked his chin and said.

He accepted the reward.

Then, a surge of enigmatic sensation flooded his head.

Chu Kuangren could sense a peculiar change that took place in his spiritual thought.

Yet, he could not pinpoint exactly what those changes were.

All he could tell was that the changes were... liberating.

It was as if his spiritual thoughts had been revitalized, and it now flowed more seamlessly than ever. It was not a mere expansion of his horizon.

With his thought, the teacup in front of Chu Kuangren floated in the air. He did not use an ounce of spiritual power at all.

All of that happened with just a spark of his spiritual thought.

“So this is the power of a Conjurer?”

“Controlling the spiritual thought, using formless thoughts to manipulate the physical realm.”

Chu Kuangren felt as if his five senses and even his limbs had been somehow extended to form another copy of himself.

He expanded his thoughts outward and cast them over the entire Black Heaven Sect.

He could clearly observe every person’s movement within the compound, listen to their every word, and even smell the fragrance that was permeating in the air. On a closer look, it seemed like the Black Heaven Sect’s eatery hall was about to open.

Other than the extension of his senses, Chu Kuangren felt like he could also use his spiritual thoughts to perform other actions, including touching an object.

Chu Kuangren soon recollected his spiritual thoughts and they flowed back like the tidal waves of the sea.

“A decent reward indeed.”

Chu Kuangren smiled in satisfaction. His Conjurer’s Talent was only in its preliminary stage. In the item description, it was said that high-level Conjurers could perform many miraculous actions with their thoughts.

“Too bad I only got the Conjurer’s Talent without the relevant techniques. Otherwise, I could’ve used my spiritual thoughts to its fullest potential,” Chu Kuangren said as he shook his head.

Chu Kuangren then exited his closed-door meditation.

Upon his exit, Elder Ruyan and the other elders came up to him anxiously. They immediately informed Chu Kuangren about the appearance of the unknown lands.

Chu Kuangren, on the other hand, was not particularly surprised.

He had roughly seen it coming ever since he obtained the inheritance in the Qian Emperor’s Palace.

“Finally, the shameless lands have decided to come out of their shells and fight with the Black Heaven Sect.”

“As for the other sage orthodoxies, pfft, they’re just a bunch of clowns who just can’t sit still.”

Chu Kuangren covered his mouth as he chuckled away.

The elders were on the verge of tears.

‘Oh, Sect Leader, how are you still laughing at this moment?!’

“The unknown lands have pledged to destroy the Black Heaven Sect, and everyone is panicking at the moment. What should we do?”

Elder Ruyan said.

"This presents a rare opportunity," Chu Kuangren smiled and said.

"An opportunity?"

"That's right. Spread the word around that if the Black Heaven Sect disciples wish to leave, they may pack up their belongings and walk out the door. However, once they exit the door, there'll be no turning back."

Chu Kuangren said.

After all, adversities could bring out the true nature of humans.

It was a good opportunity for the Black Heaven Sect to get rid of dead weights.

Only those who could bear the pressure and face adversity with their fellow disciple deserved to be nurtured by the Black Heaven Sect.

Elder Ruyan now understood Chu Kuangren's intention.

"Sect Leader, do you really have a solution to this threat?"

Elder Ruyan hesitated before she asked.

Although it was an excellent idea to vet out the subpar disciples, it relied on the premise that the Black Heaven Sect could survive the attack. Otherwise, the Black Heaven Sect would only end up killing its most loyal disciples.

"What's it now? Are you losing confidence in me?"

Chu Kuangren said with a smile.

"Sect Leader, it's not that we don't have faith in you. However, this threat just seems far too difficult to overcome. The combined power of the unknown lands and several sage orthodoxies isn't something we can easily overcome, not even if we have ten times our current strength. It's no exaggeration to say that it's us against the world now."

An elder laughed bitterly and said.

Anyone in this situation would no doubt feel hopeless.

"I understand that you're overwhelmed by fear and terror. But please believe that as long as I'm here, the Black Heaven Sect will never be destroyed!"

Chu Kuangren said with confidence.

The elders took a deep breath as they observed the firm determination in Chu Kuangren's eyes. At last, they chose to place their faiths in him.

"Then, I shall pledge my life to you in this battle!"

"I've been in the Black Heaven Sect for the past thousands of years. This is my home now. Even if I die, I shall die in this place!"

"Sect Leader, I shall make the necessary preparation for the formation."

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In the Black Heaven Sect, at the entrance of the Longevity Hall.

Countless disciples had gathered to await Chu Kuangren's appearance. They were hoping for some sort of explanation or solution to this problem.

Unexpectedly, it was Elder Ruyan who turned up.

"Everyone, I guess I don't need to elaborate any further on the current crisis we're facing. The Sect Leader has announced that for those who are willing to fight alongside us, you may stay. Otherwise, you may grab some soulstones from the storage and leave this place at once," Elder Ruyan announced.

Many disciples were dead silent after the announcement.

Chapter 406: The Disciples Who Did Not Wish To Leave, The One Who Did Not Disappoint As Both A Ruler And Wife

Elder Ruyan did as Chu Kuangren asked and gave the disciples their rights to choose. This move concerned many of the sect's higher-ups.

If all of them chose to run away, then what would be left of the sect?

After all, this crisis was not like any crisis from the past.

Their enemy this time was so much stronger than the Black Heaven Sect that almost no one believed the Black Heaven Sect would win.

People are always selfish in the face of death.

No matter how much affection they had for the Black Heaven Sect, they would still be shaken in face of death.

After Elder Ruyan announced the news, the Black Heaven Sect fell into a state of chaos. There were many discussions among the disciples. Some wanted to leave, while some wanted to stay.

"The Black Heaven Sect has always treated us well. How can we abandon the Black Heaven Sect during these tough times? I can't bring myself to do this."

"Don't leave? You're saying that we should wait for our deaths here instead?"

"Exactly. If we leave, there will be someone to mourn for the Black Heaven Sect's death. No one will do that if we all die here, and that will be so sad. Besides, it's not my wish to die here."

"I've lost my parents since I was young. It was one of the elders who brought me to the Black Heaven Sect. This is my home, and I will not go anywhere else."

"You guys are a bunch of heartless people. If you want to leave, you can leave on your own."

"Is it wrong to be scared of death? Besides, the Sect Leader gave us an opportunity to choose. On what basis are you calling us heartless...?"

The entire Black Heaven Sect was almost in a state of pandemonium.

Those who wanted to leave and those who wanted to stay were close to getting into a fistfight. Alas, it was not until Elder Ruyan and the others came out to establish order, that they all calmed down.

“The Black Heaven Sect won’t blame those who want to leave. If you want to fight alongside the Black Heaven Sect until the end, gather in front of Longevity Hall tomorrow morning.”

Elder Ruyan said to the disciples.

The next day.

In front of Longevity Hall.

Elder Ruyan and the others had gathered. Today was the day they found out how many would remain in the Black Heaven Sect.

Truth be told, they were rather perturbed.

After all, the enemies that the Black Heaven Sect would face this time far outnumbered them and were too strong. The chances of them winning are close to zero.

It was not entirely impossible that all the disciples had chosen to leave.

Not many would be willing to stay back and take part in a war that would certainly get them killed.

The front of Longevity Hall looked empty and deserted.

Elder Ruyan sighed softly. “Is there really no one?”

“Sigh, the disparity between the two sides of this battle is too great. These disciples are all still young, with bright futures ahead of them. I think it’s a good thing too if they had chosen to leave.”

An elder sighed.

At this moment, the sun rose, and the light of dawn filled the Longevity Hall.

In the near distance, a few silhouettes could be seen walking towards them.

It was Nangong Huang, Murong Xuan, Jun Yi, and a few other Daoists.

Behind them was a crowd of Black Heaven Sect’s disciples. Basked in the morning sunlight, they strode towards the Longevity Wall in succession, with faces full of determination.

A smile of relief etched on Elder Ruyan’s and the few other elders’ faces.

“This is great!”

“These little brats have got guts!”

Nangong Huang and the other Daoists brought along all the disciples, who were willing to stay back and fight with the Black Heaven Sect, to the Longevity Hall.

“Elders, we are willing to live and die for the Black Heaven Sect!”

Nangong Huang looked at Elder Ruyan and said resolutely.

“We’ll live and die with the Black Heaven Sect!”

“We’ll live and die with the Black Heaven Sect!”

All of the disciples said with the same resoluteness.

They had already forsaken life and death when they chose to stay behind.

At that moment, a creaking sound was heard.

The door of the Longevity Hall opened.

Everyone looked in that direction.

All they saw was Chu Kuangren slowly walking out. Seeing all the disciples in front of him, his face broke into a smile. “I guarantee everyone here that as long you’re here and I’m here, the Black Heaven Sect will never perish!”

Upon hearing his words, a sense of security arose inside the crowd’s hearts.

“The Black Heaven Sect will never perish.”

“That’s right. As long as the Sect Leader is here, there is no obstacle that we cannot pull through.”

“Haha, come on. Just look at the Sect Leader’s face. I’ll be willing to die for that any day. I’ll never want to leave the Sect Leader alone and abandon this place.”

“Sister, you’re absolutely right!”

After that, Elder Ruyan did a headcount.

There were quite a lot who came, but there were also many who left. A total of ten thousand people stayed, which did not even make up ten percent of the Black Heaven Sect’s original headcount.

Nonetheless, Chu Kuangren was very satisfied with this.

These disciples were people whom he would put a lot of effort into training in the future.

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Meanwhile, aside from the changes in the Black Heaven Sect.

Following the news of the unknown lands preparing to annihilate the Black Heaven Sect, some of the forces who would be affected by the welfare of the Black Heaven Sect also began to take action.

These were, for example, some of the Black Heaven Sect’s affiliated forces.

Many of the affiliated forces did not think that the Black Heaven Sect would be unable to turn the tide this time. Hence, one by one, they expressed wishes to cut ties with the Black Heaven Sect.

The Black Heaven Sect could not be bothered to respond to them.

Nevertheless, there were also some loyal affiliated forces like the Horizon Wing Sect and Snowstorm Sect. Since they both were once rescued by Chu Kuangren, they expressed their sentiments to tough

through these times with the Black Heaven Sect. They even sent quite a number of their people to the Black Heaven Sect.

It was not just them.

Black Heaven Sect's two close allies, the School of White Lotus and the Royal Azure Dynasty had also taken action. Among which the White Lotus School's Sage personally hurried to the Black Heaven Sect.

However, she did not bring anyone with her.

She knew that in the current situation the Black Heaven Sect was in, anyone below Sage's combat strength would be no help. Even if she brought the entire School of White Lotus, it would all be for naught.

Hence, she personally came over to provide assistance instead.

Royal Azure Dynasty.

In the palace, Queen Linglong was sitting on the throne.

All of her ministers were in the main hall with her.

"Your Majesty, the Black Heaven Sect is our ally. Now that they're in danger, we cannot just sit here and do nothing. I'm willing to lead an army there to offer assistance," a military commander said while he stepped forward.

The military commander was a straightforward person. In his opinion, Chu Kuangren had helped the Royal Azure Dynasty a lot, with the Royal Azure Dynasty King's ascension and bringing back the Nine-Headed Snakelet Pearl. Adding onto the fact that they were already allies in the first place, they should be offering assistance.

"Nonsense."

At this moment, an elder cried out, "The Black Heaven Sect's current situation has long passed the stage where we can intervene. Not to mention the unknown lands, but just the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands alone have so many Sages."

"With that small number of soldiers you have, what can you do?"

"Even if you go, you will be seeking death. And if the unknown lands find out that the Royal Azure Dynasty is helping the Black Heaven Sect, do you know how many citizens will lose their lives because of their wrath? With the unknown lands' strength, annihilating the Royal Azure Dynasty would be a piece of cake for them!!"

The elder had already seen through the situation clearly.

The Black Heaven Sect was already doomed, and none could help them now.

"We can't just watch and do nothing!"

The military commander said, unreconciled to the elder's words.

"No one in the world can save the Black Heaven Sect now."

The elder sighed.

“Your Majesty, you may have the final decision. Just say the word, and I will lead a few million soldiers to accompany you to the Black Heaven Sect!”

The military commander said as he looked toward Queen Linglong.

“Your Majesty, do not make rash decisions!”

“The Black Heaven Sect cannot be saved anymore. There would be no use even if the Royal Azure Dynasty mobilizes our entire military. Your Majesty, please think on behalf of the civilians!”

An elder knelt onto the ground with a thump.

Queen Linglong looked at the elder and said, “As a ruler, of course, I would prioritize my civilians. I understand this point fully. The Royal Azure Dynasty will not send any of our armies there. My beloved Minister Liu, you may rise.”

“Wise choice, Your Majesty.” The elder sighed in relief. He had already braced himself for the death penalty by Queen Linglong when he made that comment earlier.

He understood that Queen Linglong and Chu Kuangren had a close relationship. Hence, him stopping her assistance to the other party earlier was undoubtedly an act of defying his ruler.

However, for the sake of the civilians, he could only risk his own death to counsel the queen.

Fortunately, the Queen was much more rational than he imagined.

“Your Majesty, what are you doing?!”

“Your Majesty...”

At this moment, outcries resounded through the main hall.

Queen Linglong removed the crown from her head and placed it on the throne, shocking many of the ministers.

“As a ruler, I shall of course prioritize my people. Therefore, your Queen will not mobilize any of our militaries and not implicate the civilians. However, as a wife, I have to go through every hardship with my husband! From today onwards, I am not the ruler of the Royal Azure Dynasty anymore. Anything I do will not be related to the Royal Azure Dynasty.”

“Your Queen will... I mean I will hurry back to the Black Heaven Sect. I trust that you all will take good care of our dynasty.” Queen Linglong smiled gently at all the ministers.

Chapter 407: The Arrival Of Reinforcements, The Untroubled Chu Kuangren

In the Black Heaven Sect.

Chu Kuangren was preparing for the unknown lands’ grand attack, but suddenly, he felt an energy coming from outside the mountain.

“Hey, this energy feels like...”

Chu Kuangren looked rather surprised.

His figure vanished from where he stood and reappeared outside the mountain entrance. It was Horizon Wing Sect Master and Snowstorm Sect Master who had brought their own troops.

“Sect Leader, we’ve brought you reinforcements.”

Chu Kuangren glanced behind them.

There were quite a lot of people.

However, most of them were below the Honorable Realm. Forget the unknown lands, but just any of those random orthodoxies, who joined the attack against the Black Heaven Sect, was strong enough to overpower these guys.

If these people were to join into battle, it would be akin to serving their heads on a plate to their enemies.

Nonetheless, his laments shall remain laments. Chu Kuangren was still extremely touched when he saw these two Sect Masters bringing forth their people to support him.

Complimenting someone when they were at their best is simple but helping someone while they were at their worst is hard.

Back when the Black Heaven Sect was successful and influential, countless forces wanted to gain their favor. Those people delivered gifts and showered them with praises. Chu Kuangren had seen it all.

Yet, in vital moments like these, not many of them could be relied on.

“Thank you so much, all of you. Come, please go inside.”

Chu Kuangren led them all into the Black Heaven Sect.

On their way in, they saw how deserted the Black Heaven Sect had become. When they thought about it more carefully, they figured out what had happened.

However, they kept their thoughts to themselves.

People would tend to chase after prosperity and flee from danger. This had always been the case for humanity, what more when it came to life and death.

“My two guests, look here. This is the Gravity Training Grounds. It is our Black Heaven Sect disciples’ usual training ground. That right there is the scripture library...”

While they were walking, Chu Kuangren introduced the sect’s buildings to his guests. Seeing how much hospitality he was showing them, Horizon Wing Sect Leader and Snowstorm Sect Leader felt rather puzzled.

A grave danger was looming, was it not?

How could the Sect Leader still be in such a leisurely mood?

“Uh, my dear Sect Leader, what’s going on exactly?”

Horizon Wing Sect Master asked as he could not contain his curiosity.

“Why don’t you look nervous or scared at all?”

Upon hearing this, Chu Kuangren merely chuckled. “Scared? We don’t have to be scared, but those who should be scared are not here yet.”

Flashes of eerie chill gleamed in his eyes.

In that instant, Horizon Wing Sect Master and Snowstorm Sect Master felt like they had seen an indescribable breadth of spirit in this young man before them.

A spirit that was not afraid of anything and was willing to take on the whole world!

“Come, you two. Let me give you a tour.”

“Oh, my dear Sect Leader, do you really have this much free time?” Just then, Elder Ruyan walked out from afar and said with a sigh.

“What’s wrong?”

“Master Gu sent me to ask you how many of those Vibrant Rejuvenation Pills do you plan to refine? Also, have you checked our Mountain Protection Formation?”

Elder Ruyan asked helplessly.

Right now, the entire Black Heaven Sect was operating on maximal capacity. Every one of them knew that a great war was coming, so they all felt the pressure.

Yet, as the Sect Leader, Chu Kuangren appeared so calm and relaxed instead.

He even had the mood to bring these people on a tour around the sect?!

If he was not the Sect Leader, she would have given him a slap on the face a long time ago.

“Refine however many Vibrant Rejuvenation Pills that he can, just in case. As for the Mountain Protection Formation, don’t worry about it. I have already checked it a long time ago.”

“Really?”

“Of course.”

“But I went to the Towering Heaven Palace earlier, and Lil Bing said you’ve been inside the palace. She said that you only just got out of there.”

How was he done inspecting the formation in such a short timeframe?

What a bluff!

The veins on Elder Ruyan’s forehead popped up.

“Hehe, as I said, there’s no problem with the formation.”

Chu Kuangren said rather awkwardly.

In fact, he was not lying either. He had indeed checked the formation and made sure that it was operating properly. However, he did that with his spiritual thought while he was still in the Towering Heaven Palace.

After obtaining the Conjurer's Talent, his spiritual thoughts were no longer comparable to a normal person's. Not only did he have an incredibly sensitive spiritual thought sense, but it was also heightened, like it was an extension of his limb. It allowed him to control things telepathically.

Hence, although his body was in the Heavenly Emperor Palace, his spiritual thought had scanned through every nook and cranny of the Black Heaven Sect to make sure that nothing was faulty.

Nonetheless, Elder Ruyan could not bring herself to believe this.

The Conjurer's inheritance had been extinct ages ago. She had never even heard of it, much less knew about it.

"Sect Leader, a great war is coming. You should treat this more seriously."

"Yes, Elder Ruyan."

Chu Kuangen nodded, finally bringing out his poise as a Sect Leader. He said calmly, "Elder Ruyan, Snowstorm Sect Master and Horizon Wing Sect Master are here to provide the Black Heaven Sect with reinforcements. Can you help me make the necessary arrangements?"

"The fact that our two Brothers can help us in these perilous times, the Black Heaven Sect owes you both our thanks. Come, follow me," Elder Ruyan said.

"Sect Leader, the people from Shang clan have arrived."

Suddenly, an elder walked up to them and said.

Chu Kuangren then looked into the distance, where he saw Shang Long with a few of his people approaching him. "Sect Leader Chu, it's good to see you again."

"Shang Clan Leader, you're here as well."

"I heard that the Black Heaven Sect needs help, so I brought my men here to assist you."

Chu Kuangren looked behind him and saw that besides his wife, Lou Yun, there were also several other Honorable Realm cultivators.

Such a scale of support could not match the Snowstorm Sect and Horizon Wing Sect's level.

Although the Shang clan's Sage was slain by him, this amount of support was still too weak for what was once a sage orthodoxy.

However, it dawned on Chu Kuangren after he pondered on it.

Shang Long was instated by him as the Clan Leader, and his daughter, Shang Qingxue, was also in the Black Heaven Sect. Hence, it made sense for him to come forth and help the Black Heaven Sect, but the same could not be said for the rest of the Shang clan.

After all, it was him who had slain their Sage. Those people back at the Shang clan would surely prefer to have him dead.

Why would they ever help him?

It was not an easy feat for Shang Long to have assembled these few people from such a predicament. These people should be the trusted men that he had trained personally.

"I really appreciate it, Shang Clan Leader." Chu Kuangren smiled at him.

"I know it's not much, but I've tried my best."

"Qingxue should still be cultivating. I'll ask someone to bring you to her later. Both of you, father and daughter, could really use some catch-up." Chu Kuangren called a disciple over and had him take the Shang clan people to look for Shang Qingxue.

"You seemed relaxed, Brother Chu. That's pretty surprising."

A teasing voice came from the void.

Immemorial Sage, along with people from the School of White Lotus, walked out slowly.

"Ah, Sister Immemorial, I hope you've been well."

Chu Kuangren smiled as he said.

"Brother Chu, a great war is coming, but from what I see, the Black Heaven Sect still seems very organized. Meanwhile, you look as untroubled as always, like you already have a plan to ensure your path to victory. Have you really figured out a way to handle this?"

"Haha. Sister Immemorial, I don't think many would take you seriously if you told them what you had just said. With sage orthodoxies like the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands, Overlord Sage Tribe, Linghu clan, Sky Emperor Palace, and the Eight Wind Palace, joined by the several great unknown lands, there are so many people here that want me dead. What else am I supposed to do about it?"

Chu Kuangren laughed in response.

"If it were any other people, they would never survive this. But for some reason, I've always had an intuition that Brother Chu has a way out of problems. You've made so many miracles throughout these years, Brother Chu," Immemorial Sage praised.

She meant what she said.

"Immemorial Sage, you've really flattered me. However, I do indeed have some confidence in getting through this," Chu Kuangren remarked.

"You do?!" Immemorial Sage was taken aback by that. She was really astonished that Chu Kuangren could come up with a solution even in such a dire situation.

"You'll know when the time comes."

Chu Kuangren did not reveal anything else.

Following that, a few Sages from the Black Heaven Sect came out to welcome Immemorial Sage. It did not take long before yet another Sage appeared at the place.

It was the Royal Azure Dynasty's Sage.

Walking alongside him was Gu Linglong.

Chapter 408: The Million Cultivators Army, A Sage Ruler's Reverence

"My dear Queen, why have you come?"

Chu Kuangren flashed Gu Linglong a warm smile.

"I've abdicated my Royal Azure Dynasty throne."

The first statement that came out from Gu Linglong gave Chu Kuangren no time to react. He frowned, visibly in shock. "Have those people forced you to abdicate?"

Chu Kuangren's tone sounded quite cold.

He was now unparalleled in this world, and he and Linglong were husband and wife by first marriage. It would not surprise him if the people from the Royal Azure Dynasty had taken this opportunity to force Linglong down the throne. After all, many of them were eyeing the throne.

"No, I did it voluntarily."

Gu Linglong smiled and said, "I'm here to accompany you."

"Oh, I see. Why don't you remain in the Black Heaven Sect then? After this is all over, you can become the first lady here. It doesn't sound as glamorous as Your Majesty the Queen, but I reckon it won't be too bad either."

Chu Kuangren proposed while stroking his chin.

"But, is there an 'after' for all of us here?" Gu Linglong asked. Like the others, she felt that the chances for the Black Heaven Sect to pull through this were slim too.

"Of course. Don't just look at the chaos that they're creating out there, saying that our sect is struggling to cope with this. Let me tell you, I've been eating and sleeping very well these past few days. It's just a small problem. We'll get through it."

Chu Kuangren smiled as he replied. Confidence was gleaming through his eyes.

"Hehe." Gu Linglong could not help but chuckle. "If those orthodoxies could hear you say that right now, I can't begin to imagine just how angry they'd be."

Chu Kuangren continued his light-hearted conversation with Gu Linglong.

He seemed to be enjoying himself despite everything that was happening.

Meanwhile, the outside world was just as he had described – a state of chaos.

The Heavenly Golden Palace, Bottomless Chasm, Sacred Palace of Death, Craggy Ocean Tower, and Acheron Manor — all the six almighty unknown lands had gathered their troops and was already

marching towards the Black Heaven Sect alongside the various other great orthodoxies who had joined forces with them.

How many people did they have?

The Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands alone had almost a hundred thousand or more people. Those fleets of Fairy boats exuded an incredibly terrifying aura as they sailed towards their target.

Aside from them, the Overlord Sage Tribe, Linghu clan, Sky Emperor Palace, and Eight Wind Palace had sent out quite a few cultivators themselves too. They had even sent their own Sages. The size of their troop may not be as magnificent as the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands, but it was still a force to be reckoned with.

Conversely, the six unknown lands sent a much smaller-sized troop.

The six unknown lands only had less than a thousand in strength combined. It seemed puny in comparison to those few hundred thousand-strong cultivator-army.

Nevertheless, everyone knew that these one thousand people were the main driving forces of this troop!

Of these one thousand people, even the weakest cultivation base was an Honorable!

Besides that, all six unknown lands' Sect Leaders were included in their troops too. These six people were all at the pinnacle of Sages, Sage Rulers!!

This million-strong army marched towards the Black Heaven Sect with great strength.

Wherever they passed, drum sounds would rumble the sky, and battle intents pierced through the clouds. This sight gave every witnessing cultivator goosebumps.

Inside this coalition army.

One of the Fairy boats looked especially unique.

It formed a stark contrast with the other Fairy boats. Compared to the others that had several dozen thousands of people on them, this Fairy boat was not just much more majestic in size, but there were only a few people on it as well.

It was the Heavenly Golden Palace's Fairy boat.

Meanwhile, at this point in time, the Sect Leaders of the six unknown lands were gathered. They seemed to be discussing some serious matter.

"After we kill Chu Kuangren, I don't want anything other than that Godly Phoenix that I heard is in the Black Heaven Sect. I call dibs on it."

The Craggy Ocean Tower Lord began to speak.

The rest of them raised an eyebrow.

"Aren't you asking for too much? You said you want to keep a divine beast like the Godly Phoenix all to yourself?" Master Daoist Yun Tao exclaimed in discontentment.

“That’s right. The Godly Phoenix cannot belong to you alone.”

The Acheron Manor Lord had spoken up too.

“We, the Craggy Ocean Tower, are most skilled in training strange beasts. Besides us, who else among you guys have confidence in taming the Godly Phoenix?”

Craggy Ocean Tower Lord said resolutely.

“We may not be able to tame the Godly Phoenix, but its carcass will still be worth a lot.” The Sacred Palace Tower Lord flashed him an evil grin.

Everybody’s eyes lit up when they heard that.

The divine beast’s feathers, skin, bones, and blood were all rare treasures.

“Fine, the divine beast’s carcass shall belong to you guys, but I want the divine beast’s soul. Does that work?” Craggy Ocean Tower Lord said.

Since he could not obtain the Godly Phoenix in one piece, he ought to bring back its soul instead and refine it into a Craggy Ocean bestial soul. It was still not a bad option for him.

At that, the rest of them exchanged glances.

“Sure.”

“You’ve gotten yourself a cheap bargain then, Craggy Ocean Tower.”

“We, the Bottomless Chasm, want the Emyrean Neptune’s Trident Halberd!” A middle-aged man, who had a golden scale on top of his forehead, said. He was the Great Bottomless Chasm Dweller.

He was also the Scaled Tribe’s First Scale King.

He heard about the Emyrean Neptune’s Trident Halberd from the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands, and he had long yearned for this fabled Emperor Weapon for a very long time.

“An Emperor Weapon... The Bottomless Chasm is really demanding a lot here.”

“It originally belonged to us Scaled Tribe anyway.”

“Fine then. If that’s the case, Acheron Manor wants all the cultivation techniques in the Black Heaven Sect, including those few Emperor Techniques that Chu Kuangren has,” the Acheron Manor Lord said.

“I want one of those Emperor Techniques too.”

“I shall have the Opportunities of Fortune from the Qian Imperial Palace then.”

“No way we’re letting you have that all for yourself.”

The few Sage Rulers were engaged in a heated discussion.

Who could believe that they were already distributing parts of the Black Heaven Sect!

It felt as though they already had this victory in hand!

Truth was, they did indeed believe they would win too. After all, the six great unknown lands had already unleashed their full force. Adding that to the million cultivator-army, how could a mere Black Heaven Sect handle such a great force?!

No matter how powerful Chu Kuangren was, he would never turn this one around.

“My fellow friends, mind I remind all of you, that our primary aim here is to kill Chu Kuangren! The rest doesn’t really matter, but Chu Kuangren must die regardless. I hope you all can bear this in mind.”

Sage Ruler Zhang Guang said.

Chu Kuangren was their biggest threat this time, and the Black Heaven Sect was only a secondary target in this operation. Killing Chu Kuangren was their primary motive.

If Chu Kuangren did not die, all their efforts in this operation would be in vain.

“We totally understand this,” Master Daoist Yun Tao said.

“I’ve brought along the Nine Profound Heavens Fire Forcefield for this operation. Once we’ve entered Black Heaven Sect’s territory, I’ll cast this item and envelope the entire Black Heaven Sect. Not even Sage Rulers can think of escaping this.”

Acheron Manor Lord smiled gently. The Nine Profound Heavens Fire Forcefield that he mentioned was a Boundary-Emperor Weapon used to restrain people. It was one of Acheron Manor’s prized possessions, and he had brought this item out just to defeat Chu Kuangren this time.

“Ah, that’s good.”

Sage Ruler Zhang Guang nodded.

To defeat Chu Kuangren this time, they had not only brought thousands of their own people, but they had prepared all kinds of tactics too.

There were quite a few people beside these six Sage Rulers, and listening to the exchange between the few of those Sages had left them speechless.

These six great Sage Rulers had spent so much effort and time just to defeat someone below Sage’s level. If word of this got out, who would believe it?!

However, this was the fact.

“Chu Kuangren, you must die. If you don’t, the rest of the world will never have a chance to show their potential.” Sage Ruler Zhang Guang stared into the distance, toward the Black Heaven Sect’s direction, and said. His eyes were gleaming with mixed emotions.

Did he hate Chu Kuangren?

Of course, a certain degree of hatred was there. After all, Chu Kuangren was the one who slew one of his spiritual thought clones, but it was actually not too big of a deal at all.

Compared to hate, he now revered Chu Kuangren more.

Yes.

He revered him.

He believed that the rest of the Sage Rulers felt the same way as he did. They should have similar mixed emotions about their enemy.

Throughout the ages, there had never been a person quite like Chu Kuangren. His brilliance had astonished the entire era.

They had a feeling that even if they had successfully killed Chu Kuangren this time, his name would still be repeatedly mentioned in the history books in the days to come.

Chu Kuangren had already... made his mark in this world!

Chapter 409: The Million-Strong Great Army Arrives, Nonsense, The Poise Of One Person

Back at the Black Heaven Sect.

The Black Heaven Sect was now operating in a high capacity. All the disciples were occupied with preparation as to how to handle the incoming battle.

Meanwhile, on the outside, there were countless cultivators who were watching from the sidelines.

They had come to witness the destruction of the Black Heaven Sect and the downfall of the strongest sky-pride of the era, Chu Kuangren.

A dozen people were gathered on one of the mountaintops.

They were all Sages. Included in the group were Taixu Temple's Daoshi, Thunder Temple's Eminent Monk Dade, The Great Demon of the Underworld, and more.

At this moment, they were all looking at the Black Heaven Sect with strange looks.

"Do you guys think Chu Kuangren can pull through this time?" an elderly man with a whisk in his hand said. He was the Sage of Taixu Temple.

Upon hearing what he said, the Sage of Underworld Palace beside him chuckled. "Pull through? I think you're overestimating the Black Heaven Sect. There are, at most, only three or four Sages in the entire Black Heaven Sect. They will never stand a chance at surviving this. Chu Kuangren alone will not be able to fight off the unknown lands."

The rest of the group agreed with that thought.

Taixu Temple's Sage was merely making a casual remark. However, after listening to what the Underworld Palace's Sage had said, he did not offer a rebuttal either.

He, too, felt that the Black Heaven Sect was not going to escape this unscathed. He could not help but shake his head and sighed. "What a shame for Chu Kuangren. The strongest sky-pride of this generation will be crestfallen at such a circumstance. Otherwise, with the speed in which he's rising, he would surely be invincible in this world in less than a hundred years."

"Exactly."

"I agree."

Even the Underworld Palace Sage, who had quite a few vendettas with Chu Kuangren, had to acknowledge that Chu Kuangren had astonishing talents.

Even so, he commented, "A shame that this guy dealt with matters too arrogantly. Otherwise, he wouldn't have fallen into this perilous predicament today. He could only blame his inability to keep a low profile."

"Look, they're approaching."

Suddenly, someone from the crowd gasped in awe, staring towards the distance.

One after another, the Fairy boats traveled in from afar. On top of each of those Fairy boats were full of cultivators. There were so many of them that it looked ubiquitous.

Incredibly terrifying energies emanated from these Fairy boats. These energies hit the air particles violently like raging torrents.

The million cultivator-army had finally arrived. Among them were various types of Sages. This sight was way too magnificent to behold, captivating many people at the scene.

Even Sages could not help but gulp in astonishment.

"So many cultivators... There are about a million of them."

"This is wild."

The cultivators who had gathered nearby the Black Heaven Sect were stunned.

It was such a ridiculous scene.

"They're doomed. He's doomed."

"The Black Heaven Sect is really doomed this time."

Inside the Black Heaven Sect.

Black Heaven's Second Forefather, Third Forefather, Xuanqi, Elder Ruyan, Immemorial Sage, and a few others had also seen that ubiquitous cultivator-army approaching.

Each one of them wore solemn looks on their faces.

"This is far more than what I imagined."

"Most of them are cultivators from the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands. They have the deepest vendetta with Sect Leader. I heard that Sect Leader slew their Serpent Deity or something."

Fleet after fleet of Fairy boats had surrounded the Black Heaven Sect three times over on both inside and outside.

Boundless domineering auras overwhelmed them like a tsunami, shrouding over the entire Black Heaven Sect.

Under this domineering aura, the disciples' faces all turned pale. Sweat even started to form on those Daoists' foreheads.

Just the domineering auras alone were enough to make them feel suffocated.

How were they supposed to fight this battle?!

No matter how prepared they were to die for their sect, they could not help but feel hopeless. The difference between their two armies was way too big.

Right now, all Black Heaven Sect had was less than a thousand disciples and they had to fight against the million-strong great army, which also included quite a few Sages.

On the other hand, without counting Chu Kuangren, the Black Heaven Sect only had five Sages. These include Immemorial Sage, Black Heaven's Second Forefather, Third Forefather, Fairfrost Sage, and the Sage from Royal Azure Dynasty.

There was no way they could fight them!

Horrible domineering aura spread from within the great cultivator-army.

Black Heaven's Second Forefather, Third Forefather, and the other Sages had activated their domineering auras as well to negate the suppressive force for their people. Nonetheless, their efforts did not help much.

The number of Sages on the other side far exceeded theirs.

A few people walked down from the Fairy boat.

Each one of them had an overbearing Sage Aura flowing on their bodies.

They were the most powerful Sages not from the unknown lands but the other few orthodoxies who had joined in the battle.

"Overlord Sage Tribe's Forefather Graylord Sage, Sky Emperor Palace's Heavenly Emperor Sage Li, Eight Wind Palace's Celestial Sage, and two other people are Solar and Lunar Sages from the Outer Seas — the two strongest Sages from that region."

"These people are almost as strong as the Great Sages."

"They have joined forces just to defeat Chu Kuangren."

Many people exclaimed in surprise when they saw these few Sages.

Black Heaven's Second Forefather had a grim look on his face when he saw the few Sages on the other side.

He knew that any one of these people alone would be enough to take on the entire Black Heaven Sect, let alone all of them together.

"To our fellow Sages of the Black Heaven Sect, if you guys surrender now and give us Chu Kuangren so he can receive his death, we can perhaps spare your lives."

The Sage donned in a black robe said nonchalantly.

This person was the Overlord Sage Tribe's Graylord Sage.

“Hah, I can’t believe that the almighty and strongest person in the Overlord Sage Tribe would one day become a mere henchman for somebody else. How amusing.”

Black Heaven’s Second Forefather said.

However, Graylord Sage did not react to it.

“Chu Kuangren has done one too many bad deeds. He deserves this precarious position that he has put himself in today. Sages of the Black Heaven Sect, do give my offer a good thought. Surrender Chu Kuangren and maybe all of you will get to live.”

“Do you really think we’ll do that?”

Black Heaven’s Second Forefather replied with a chuckle.

“It seems to me that there are no grounds left for a negotiation.”

Graylord Sage said with indifference and took a step forward, where an incredibly appalling Sage Aura erupted. The Sages right behind him activated their respective domineering auras as well.

In an instant, the domineering aura that enshrouded the Black Heaven Sect became more vigorous.

The boundless domineering aura was entrapped over everyone’s heads like a net. Even the Honorable Supremes could not help but turn pale.

The disciples were even more afraid as their bodies trembled violently and their knees almost buckled.

“The Black Heaven Sect... must be annihilated!!”

Graylord Sage said coldly.

“Bullsh*t!”

From afar, a yell suddenly rang out.

A frightening Sword-based Daoist Rhyme unleashed from the Longevity Hall and turned into a surreal-like purple sword shadow, which surged skywards!

A majestic and piercing domineering aura swept across the place, tearing the giant net of domineering aura, formed by the million cultivators-army into shreds.

All the disciples breathed a sigh of relief.

Meanwhile, the one million cultivators on the other side glanced towards Longevity Hall nervously.

The door of the hall flung open, and a white-robed figure slowly walked out from it. He was donned in loose-sleeved white robes with a crown on his head, and he had a gorgeous ancient sword strapped to his waist.

The person who walked out of the hall was none other than Chu Kuangren.

Right behind him were two other peerless-looking ladies. One was as pure and sacred as a goddess, the other as elegant and noble as a queen.

These two ladies were Lan Yu and Gu Linglong. They followed closely behind Chu Kuangren, who looked unfazed by the million-strong cultivator-army they were facing.

With every step Chu Kuangren took, the Sword-based Daoist Rhyme on his body went up a notch. By the time he arrived at the front of the crowd, the sheer power of his domineering aura had already overwhelmed the million-strong cultivator-army opposite him!

His energy pranced in the sky frenziedly like a never-ending gust of wind.

It was both menacing and ruthless!

“Annihilate my Black Heaven Sect? Who the hell gave you the courage to utter such nonsense? Is it from those rotten dirty scumbags behind you?”

Chu Kuangren glared at his enemies in all four directions.

The poise of one person was enough to overwhelm the whole scene. Even that great army of one million cultivators could do little to suppress his might.

Chapter 410: The Beginning Of The Great War, The Sages Combine To Break The Sword Formation

Not many could imagine what it looked like when one person’s poise overwhelmed a million-soldier great army.

Yet today, many cultivators got to witness this scene with their own eyes.

A white-robed figure stood tall in front of the million-strong army. He had an exquisite ancient sword draped over his waist and gorgeous ladies accompanying on both sides. He exuded a formidable presence.

Boundless Sword-based Daoist Rhymes emanated from his body, filling every nook and cranny of the realm.

At this moment, it felt like this white-robed figure had become the very center of this world!

The million-strong army was taken aback. An awkward silence suddenly befell them as they looked at Chu Kuangren, who was standing in front of them. They were visibly shaken.

They felt like even though they were surrounded by like-minded people who were similarly enemies with this person standing in front of them...

They still felt no sense of security at all.

It was because that man in front of them was Chu Kuangren!

“Death has come knocking on your door, and you’re still as proud as ever. Chu Kuangren, I must say that with this point alone, I salute you!”

Suddenly, Graylord Sage’s voice was heard.

He stared coldly at Chu Kuangren. There was a sense of reverence in his eyes, but there was more of his chilling killing intent.

"I'll still stick to my words that today, the Black Heaven Sect must die! The same goes to you, Chu Kuangren, the top sky-pride of this generation... you must die too!!"

Chu Kuangren smiled in response. "I shall stick to my words too, then. You really think you bunch of rotten dirty scumbags can manage that?!"

As soon as he finished speaking, he formed a sword hand sign.

A tremendous Daoist Rhyme erupted before the Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart and the Three Great Daoist Transformations unleashed at the same time. In the distance, the Black Heaven Blade Mountain began to quake as if it had been summoned. Longswords then flew up into the sky and surrounded the place from all four directions.

Horrific sword qi instantly erupted, encompassing all of the space between the sky and the earth. Some of the cultivators who did not manage to evade this sword qi were instantly garrotted by this sword formation!

However, in the next second, a ten-kilometer radius of Black Heaven Sect was enveloped in an incredibly powerful sword qi, making it difficult for anyone to get near them.

"This is the Black Heaven Sect's Black Heaven Sword Formation!"

Graylord Sage's gaze froze as he said that.

"This formation is a Sage-grade formation. On top of Chu Kuangren's Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart, its power will be greatly elevated under his control!"

Heavenly Emperor Sage Li remarked.

After that, they looked toward the giant Fairy boat behind them. The masterminds of this attack, the six great Sage Rulers, were there.

"If you guys can't even handle this sword formation, what's the use of having you here?" An indifferent voice came from inside the Fairy boat.

The crowd glanced at each other.

Graylord Sage then clenched his teeth. "Prepare to breach the sword formation!"

If their intention was to impress the unknown lands, they must seize this opportunity to show their worth. Otherwise, how else would they get on their good books?

Meanwhile, back in the Fairy boat, the few Sage Rulers looked unfazed. Their gaze pierced through ten kilometers, and they stared at Chu Kuangren, who stood in front of Longevity Hall.

Chu Kuangren seemed to have noticed this too because he then looked toward the Sage Rulers' direction amidst the great army. His lip curled upward and moved, as if he was mumbling something.

Sage Ruler Zhang Guang managed to lipread what he said.

Bring it on!

The few Sage Rulers were surprised.

“Very well, Chu Kuangren. How bold of you to challenge us at a time like this!”

“I want to see how he can survive this time!”

“Hold your horses. Let’s have the Overlord Sage Tribe and the troops from Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands to test his capabilities first,” Sage Ruler Zhang Guang said, composed.

“That works too.”

All the Sage Rulers nodded.

For them, this million-strong great army was, in truth, not that great. Their only value was to make the army look more powerful and spectacular.

It also made their forces look more majestic as they marched on.

After all, their purpose this time was to annihilate the Black Heaven Sect in front of the world. Hence, of course, they could not make themselves seem too shabby.

At the same time, these people were to be used as cannon fodders, to test Chu Kuangren and see how many cards he still had up his sleeves.

“Allow me to cast the Nine Profound Heavens Fire Forcefield first.”

Acheron Manor Lord said nonchalantly.

“Sure.”

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In the Black Heaven Sect.

Chu Kuangren stood before the Longevity Hall, activating the Black Heaven Sect’s Mountain Protection Formation. He had a smug look on his face when he saw Graylord Sage and the others trying to breach his formation outside.

“These people are not going to break our formation without shedding some blood.”

“Brother Chu, the Black Heaven Sword Formation may be strong, but I’m afraid it’s not enough to challenge the unknown lands,” Immemorial Sage said worriedly.

“I’ve never intended to safeguard the Black Heaven Sect with this formation alone.”

Chu Kuangren took out a Celestial chalcedony tablet.

“This is my secret weapon!”

The people glanced at the tablet confusingly.

Only Elder Ruyan and a few others knew what he meant there.

All of a sudden.

A red light appeared high up in the sky, and an enormous crimson red forcefield appeared out of nowhere, covering the Black Heaven Sect in its entirety.

Chu Kuangren squinted his eyes slightly when he saw that. "Oh, it seems that they're afraid that we might run away, so they've decided to entrap us here instead."

He was not too surprised by that.

This time, the six great Sage Rulers had joined hands to kill him in one go, so they must have prepared a foolproof plan. They would never allow him to flee so easily.

However, it had never crossed his mind to run away from them.

"Let's see whose tactics are more brilliant then."

Chu Kuangren said indifferently.

After that, he slammed the stone tablet beside him.

The stone tablet radiated with dazzling brilliance, and a strange wave of energy flooded outward. With the Longevity Hall as its center, it rapidly spread across the whole Black Heaven Sect.

Large amounts of cloud mists suddenly appeared in every corner of the Black Heaven Sect and enshrouded the sect in it, rendering everyone's vision limited.

This abrupt change astonished everyone.

"Where did these cloud mists come from?"

"These cloud mists seem a bit strange. It can even block my spiritual thought sense. Does the Black Heaven Sword Formation have this effect?"

"This is strange."

"Don't let your guards down, everyone."

The crowd exchanged glances.

The six great Sage Rulers could not help but frown. Sage Ruler Zhang Guang said, "This cloud mists look like a Black Heaven Sect formation, but I can't seem to tell which grade it is. How strange."

"Are they planning to escape with these mists?"

"Hmph, I've already cast the Nine Profound Heavens Fire Forcefield. They can't escape even if they have otherworldly abilities," Acheron Manor Lord said confidently.

"Let's stick to the original plan. Let the Overlord Sage Tribe and the people of Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands explore what it is first," Sage Ruler Zhang Guang said after pondering for a moment.

At this moment, Graylord Sage and the rest of the people were attempting to breach the formation as well.

However, there were not many techniques that they could use against the Black Heaven Sword Formation. Despite a barrage of attacks by the Sages, they still could not break through this formation.

"My friends, if we still don't breach this formation and show the Heavenly Golden Palace our value, our trip here this time will be futile."

Graylord Sage explained before he took out a bottle of pills and consumed them.

The energy on his body suddenly increased by multiple folds!

“I heard the Overlord Sage Tribe has a kind of secret pill, which can elevate the power of their Overlord Physique in a short time. It seems to be true.”

Heavenly Emperor Sage Li exclaimed in admiration.

Then, a golden seal emerged in the middle of his palm, and magnificent energy permeated from it. That was a Sage Weapon!

“This formation shall be broken!”

Solar and Lunar Sages from the Outer Seas said with absolute certainty.

Daoist Rhymes circulated on their bodies and interweaved in the sky, turning into a bout of incredibly powerful solar lunar energy!

“That’s right. Not only do we want to breach this formation, but we want the Black Heaven Sect dead too!”

Eight Wind Palace’s Celestial Sage lifted one arm and amassed the spiritual qi from both heaven and earth. An enormous spiritual qi circle formed and smashed toward the sword formation!

The remaining few people cast their ultimate moves as well, unleashing everything at the sword formation!

“Brilliant Heaven Shaking Punch!”

“Solar Lunar Double Barrage!”

“Heavenly Emperor Seal!”

Several forms of terrifying energy lambasted at the sword formation simultaneously, and its sheer power sent the entire Black Heaven Sect into quivers.