

Unparalleled 811

Chapter 811: The Glorious Achievements of the Human King, The Human-God Treaty, What If It Includes Me

Having gotten confirmation from the Heavenly Tormentors, the Transcendental Daoist Celestial, the Crimson Sun Daoist Celestial, and Luo Shui finally accepted the fact.

The shock they had before was now replaced with joy.

“This is great news. The King has returned! With him back and protecting the human race, let’s see who will dare to wreak havoc, especially that Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial. Hmph. I would like to see whether he would behave so arrogantly before the King.”

Transcendental Daoist Celestial snorted.

At this moment, they seemed to have found their pillar of strength.

After finding out that Chu Kuangren was the King, the few of them were not in a hurry to return to the Extraterritorial Region. Instead, they remained in Black Heaven Sect, hoping they could meet Chu Kuangren when he gets out from his closed-door meditation.

Of course, they did not just sit there and wait.

Since they acted as elders in the Black Heaven Sect, they taught Dao to the disciples and guided them in their practice. They all appeared very approachable.

They did not look like high and mighty Daoist Celestials at all.

In their opinion, that was the King’s sect. They could play by their own rules anywhere, but not here.

Lan Yu, Murong Xuan, and others capitalized on this rare opportunity to absorb information about the Daoist Celestials’ cultivation experiences with all their might.

At the same time, they also asked some curious questions about Chu Kuangren.

They knew that the King whom Transcendental and the other Daoist Celestials referred to was their sect leader. However, they did not know why.

“Senior Transcendental, what great feats did the Human King achieve long ago?”

On this day.

Transcendental Daoist Celestial had just finished his Dao-teaching session when a disciple inquired curiously.

“Not a bad question. I shall tell you about some of the King’s glorious achievements so that you know how great your sect leader is.”

Transcendental Daoist Celestial cleared his throat and said.

Then, he narrated a series of glorious feats, and the disciples felt like they had returned to the archaic ancient times. They could visualize how the Human King was like a ray of light in the human race's dark ages, shining the way forward for all humans.

He invented alchemy, refined qi, defeated the Star Destruction Tribe, battled the Venerable Gods, conquered the heavens as King, stepped foot on the Godly Mountain, triumphed over the King of Gods, established cities and countries...

The crowd was overwhelmed with emotions as they listened on.

"Wow, I didn't know Sect Leader was so powerful in his previous life. This is absolutely remarkable. No wonder the Sect Leader is so amazing."

"Yes, but in my opinion, Sect Leader is not inferior to the Human King he was all those ages ago. It's all thanks to Sect Leader that Black Heaven Sect is where it is today."

"Well, whether it's the Human King or Sect Leader, they are both people whom we admire and worship the most. After having heard that they are actually the same person, I feel that I revere Sect Leader even more now..."

The disciples of the Black Heaven Sect engaged in discussions. They could not have any greater reverence for Chu Kuangren than they had now.

When Transcendental Daoist Celestial saw this, he could not help but shake his head and lament. "The King truly is the one and only King. No matter where he goes, he will always be the most notable person."

"Transcendental, come here."

At this moment, Luo Shui suddenly summoned him.

Transcendental Daoist Celestial got up and came to the residence of Chaos Daoist Celestial. Several people had gathered together in the company of an additional Daoist Celestial.

It was the strongest Daoist Celestial of the Firmament Star's Yokai Clan, Hao Yue.

"Daoist Celestial Hao Yue, what brings you here today?"

"I heard Luo Shui mention ... that the Human King has returned."

Hao Yue replied.

"Yes." Transcendental nodded his head slightly.

Upon hearing this, a wistful look lit up in Hao Yue's eyes. Even though she was a yokai, she had great respect for the Human King.

She was not going to meddle in the human race's internal affairs at first.

However, now that she had learned of the Human King's return, she changed her mind.

"Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial and his cronies will sign a Human-God Treaty with the gods on the Godly Mountain. At that time, the gods will be given the right to spread their faith among the human

race. In return, the gods will provide Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial assistance in conquering the extraterrestrial civilization,” Daoist Celestial Hao Yue said.

Transcendental Daoist Celestial’s expression turned grim as soon as he heard the news. “How daring of the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial. On what basis does he think he can represent the entire human race?”

“Without the Human King’s appearance, Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial is indeed the strongest person of all humans. Plus, there are more than a dozen Daoist Celestials on his side. You can say he’s the one calling all the shots now in the human race,” Daoist Celestial Hao Yue replied.

“What is the Yokai Tribe’s stance regarding this?”

“The Yokai Tribe did not want to interfere in the affairs of the human race. But now that the gods have joined forces with Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial and others, I can’t guarantee that they won’t target our Yokai Tribe next. That is why I’ve chosen to help you,” Hao Yue said.

“Wise move.”

Transcendental Daoist Celestial nodded slightly. He had always been quite dissatisfied with Daoist Celestial Hao Yue’s ambiguous stance. However, since she was willing to help them, he could finally let go of that grudge he had been holding against her.

“Let’s head to the Godly Mountain.”

“What about the Human King?”

“A King should only arrive at the finale.”

Transcendental Daoist Celestial remarked.

Daoist Celestial Hao Yue was unimpressed, to say the least.

“This is not a play.”

“Ahem. The King is now in closed-door meditation, refining the Underworld God’s divine fragment. He might need another few more days.” Transcendental Daoist Celestial Dao let out two coughs and said.

“It’s okay. Let’s head there together.”

An indifferent voice sounded.

Chu Kuangren stepped out from the void.

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Godly Mountain.

The residence of all gods.

Today, both men and gods had gathered here.

Among them, the humans were headed by Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial, while the gods’ were, of course, the King of Gods.

It was worth mentioning that in addition to these two forces, there were also a large number of God Worshipping Cult members, and their leader was Zhan Xing.

The demigod of yesteryears.

These people could be considered the most powerful beings of the Firmament Star, and this meeting would determine the future of the entire Firmament Star.

"I officially bear witness to the Human-God Treaty, signed by both the human race and the gods. The treaty will be effective from now till the next 100,000 years!"

Zhan Xing said as he stepped forward.

After that, Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial and the King of Gods both simultaneously urged their respective Emperor qi and divine power to hit the void.

Suddenly, countless golden characters appeared in the void.

It was the Human-God Treaty.

"Once this treaty has been signed, the offender of any disobedience in the future will be punished by me, the humans, and the gods!"

Zhan Xing said calmly.

He would be the custodian and executor of this treaty.

That was, in fact, an enormous privilege.

It meant that in the delicate balance of power between humans and gods, he, the demigod, would be the sword hanging over their heads, keeping them in check.

He certainly had the strength and capabilities to do that too!

The gods would be given the right to spread their faith among the humans, and in turn, the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestials would receive help from the gods to increase their combat strength in conquering the extraterritorial civilizations.

Zhan Xing would gain common respect from both humans and gods.

It was a treaty that would benefit all three parties.

"Alright, sign your name here, King of Gods."

The Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial uttered those words with a touch of excitement in his eyes. Once this treaty was signed, he would open up a new era for the human race — an era in which humans and gods could live together and coexist, an era that was far more glorious than the one when the Human King was still alive!

He would become a greater King than Cang!

The corner of the King of Gods' lips curved upward into a grin, and he raised his hand to unleash his divine power.

Divine power fell on the treaty and turned into one word, Huang!

That was the King of Gods' name.

"Right. It's your turn now."

The King of Gods looked at Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial and nudged him.

Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial gathered Emperor qi at the tip of his finger and was about to sign his name. Yet, at this moment, a burst of palm qi slammed into the treaty.

With his brows furrowed slightly, Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial swung the Emperor qi at his fingertip toward that palm qi. Then, he looked into the distance, only to see a dozen or so streams of light flying toward him.

It was Transcendental Daoist Celestial, Luo Shui, Crimson Sun Daoist Celestial, Daoist Celestial Hao Yue, and all the Heavenly Tormentors.

"Come on. Do you still have to stir up trouble at this stage? You guys are such bloody fools!" Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial lamented as his face turned dark.

He could not understand why these people had to keep thwarting his plans.

He had a clear path to creating a new era!

"Since you have rebelled against me again and again, don't blame me this time for being ruthless!" Killing intent flashed in Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial's eyes.

Next to him, the King of Gods mocked them with distaste. "It's just a few Daoist Celestials, plus a few wounded and crippled Heavenly Tormentors. With this size of a group, you guys really have the guts to break into the Godly Mountain. Aren't you humans quite bold these days?"

"What if it includes me?"

Chapter 812: Shame On Us, King, Shattering Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial's Dream

"What if it includes me?"

An indifferent voice resounded through the Godly Mountain. At that moment, a handsome and exquisite white-clad figure emerged from the void, slowly walking toward them from the air. With a longsword strapped around his waist, the majestic poise and aura he exuded swept through the entire Godly Mountain like a tsunami.

That sheer power made the gods' pupils shrink.

It was especially true for the King of Gods.

His eyes narrowed slightly, a chill seething from them. "This familiar energy... This guy is not dead yet!"

They said the one who knows you best is your enemy.

The saying was indeed true.

Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial, Zhan Xing, and the rest of the people had not even noticed Chu Kuangren's identity. Yet, the King of Gods had already picked it up and made the correct judgment at the first moment.

Although his face had changed, the energy from Chu Kuangren's body was so unforgettable that the King of Gods remembered it for dozens of eras. Even today, he could not forget it.

"Heh. If you gods are not completely dead yet, won't it be impolite if I leave this world before you do?" Chu Kuangren smiled.

Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial and Zhan Xing exchanged glances.

They had no idea how Chu Kuangren and the King of Gods knew each other.

However, Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial had seen Chu Kuangren cast the Single Thought Series technique. Ever since then, he had a faint idea in his heart as to who Chu Kuangren was.

"Who the hell are you?!"

Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial looked at Chu Kuangren, doubtful.

Chu Kuangren also looked back at the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial. With eyes as indifferent as ice, he replied the latter, "I heard you plan on signing a Human-God Treaty with the gods on behalf of the entire human race. Answer me this. Do you think you have the right to do so?!"

"Why don't I have the right?! I am now the strongest person in the entire human race, and most of the Daoist Celestials subject themselves to my rule. At my command, the hundreds of millions of soldiers in the extraterritorial region will not hesitate to charge at the enemies for me!"

"Tell me now. Do I have the right?!"

Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial yelled it out as if he wanted to prove something.

The Emperor qi on his body surged and Daoist patterns intertwined, converging to form an enormous Heavenly Golden Imperial Avatar with a terrifying poise.

"Hah."

Chu Kuangren did not immediately answer him. All he did was chuckle.

"What are you laughing at?"

Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial's face turned gloomy.

"I'm laughing at you... for the fool that you are!"

"Asshole!"

After correctly guessing Chu Kuangren's identity, Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial found that the smile on his adversary's face deeply stung his self-esteem.

Furious, he urged the Heavenly Golden Imperial Avatar behind him to punch out at Chu Kuangren. In an instant, the ferocious Heavenly Golden energy gushed out!

The magnitude of that power was so great that it could crush stars!

Transcendental Daoist Celestial and the others' expressions changed slightly.

Meanwhile, the King of Gods' eyes narrowed as he watched on with great interest. "Interesting. I didn't expect there would be another strong elite in the human race other than Zhan Xing."

"Single Thought Series, Ultimate Chasm of Convergence!"

Chu Kuangren gently raised his hand, and his mind power surged out.

A vortex formed in the void.

Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial's power was absorbed by the vortex entirely, not hurting Chu Kuangren even one bit. This attack shocked every man and god present.

It was not only because of the strength that Chu Kuangren displayed.

In fact, it was mainly because of the significance of that technique he just used.

That was especially appalling for the gods. Their pupils trembled as they looked at Chu Kuangren with an indescribable panic in their hearts.

"The Human King!"

"No, impossible! Isn't he already dead?!"

"But that mind power technique... He's definitely the Human King. Also, his Dao... It is almost identical to that of the Human King. If this is not him, who else can it be?!"

To the gods, humans were not scary.

However, that one man was the scariest!

That man had been a lingering nightmare to all of them!

The nightmare they thought had disappeared was back again but in a much more domineering and stronger poise!

"When I left you, you were still just a Heavenly Imperial. Now, you have advanced to the peak-stage Minor Daoist Celestial Realm. That is quite gratifying."

Chu Kuangren said calmly, in the tone of an elder.

Ethereal Daoist Celestial and the other Daoist Celestials standing behind Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial found themselves shaking with emotion. Some looked excited, while some looked terrified.

Was that man really back?

"Come. I'll show you one of my moves too."

Chu Kuangren touched Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial gently with his fingertips. Instantly, majestic mind power gathered in the sky like torrents and turned into a golden-red fire lotus.

The fire lotus was utterly beautiful and dazzling.

Nonetheless, it contained a force capable of destroying the world.

It was none other than the Human King's ultimate technique, Single Thought Series, Cataclysmic Pantheon Flame Lotus!

In the face of this move, Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial pushed his Emperor qi to its limits, and the Heavenly Imperial Avatar behind him punched out at the fire lotus.

The Daoist patterns converged from the Heavenly Golden energy and spread towards the fire lotus with force.

The moment the two horrifying energies collided, the entire Godly Mountain quaked incessantly.

If it were not for the Godly Mountain's unique structure, the power caused by this blow would have been enough to destroy millions of kilometers of land here.

The fire lotus overwhelmed the Heavenly Golden energy and utterly destroyed the Heavenly Golden Imperial Avatar. Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial was also affected by the powerful impact. His face turned pale, and he was directly hurled off his feet, spitting out a mouthful of fresh blood.

The Venerable Gods at the scene were absolutely horrified.

The Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial's strength surpassed any of the Venerable Gods, except the King of Gods and the Spacetime Venerable God.

Yet, even such a powerful existence was blasted away by Chu Kuangren with one move!

At that moment, they were more certain of his Human King identity.

Besides the Human King, who else among the human race could have such incredible strength?!

"Ethereal, Bloodwave, Dreadwind..." Chu Kuangren's gaze swept over the Daoist Celestials behind the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial, and he read out their names one by one.

Anyone who made eye contact with him inadvertently flinched and dodged a little.

It seemed as though they were ashamed or afraid.

"I can give all of you a chance to choose a side now."

Chu Kuangren said calmly.

All the Daoist Celestials looked at each other before they walked toward Chu Kuangren. Facing him, they knelt on the ground, their expression filled with guilt.

"We've failed you, King... Shame on us."

Chu Kuangren looked at Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial, who was not far away from them, once again. With blood on the corner of his mouth and his hair scattered, Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial stared at the scene in front of him with dissatisfaction.

"You said you were the strongest among all humans? But you can't even deal a single hit from me."

“You said nearly half of the human race’s Daoist Celestials obeyed your orders. Why don’t you ask them again now and see if they would still like to follow your rule?”

“You said that at your command, hundreds of millions of soldiers in the extraterritorial region would charge ahead for you? Why don’t you see whether they’re willing to listen to you or do they believe in a lone mercenary like me, who topped the rankings on the battle leaderboard, more?”

Each of Chu Kuangren’s words was like knives, cold and piercing. Every time he uttered a word, the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial felt like his heart was stabbed.

After a few words, Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial became so pale that it was beyond description. His Daoist core was almost about to collapse.

The scheme that took him years of planning now looked incredibly ridiculous. To think the whole thing failed the moment Chu Kuangren returned!

That was because he was against the greatest king of the human race!

He was the king who led the humans through the darkest years and brought them a newfound hope.

In the face of such a king, how could he ever succeed in replacing him?

Chu Kuangren need not do anything. Just one sentence was enough to negate everything that the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial had done so far.

“Why? Why does this keep happening to me!”

“You’re already dead. Why come back now?! Why do you have to come back and stop me from leading the human race into a new era?!”

Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial roared at Chu Kuangren like a madman.

Chu Kuangren looked at him and said indifferently, “The human race will move toward a new era, but it’s definitely not one where we have to compromise with these gods, who once held the humans by their noses and treated them as farm animals.”

“The first step towards a new era is to eradicate internal instability, such as.... you!”

Chapter 813: Single Thought Series, Absolute Silence, Planetary Destruction

“Such as... you!”

Chu Kuangren said with a cold look in his eyes.

“You’re going to kill me?!”

“Oh, Cang, I have made countless meritorious contributions to the human race, and now you’re going to kill me?! Do you even deserve to be king?!”

Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial’s face turned red as he said angrily.

"If everyone behaves like you, simply doing as they please just because they have made contributions, the human race is better off without any of you pretentious contributors!" Chu Kuangren said in an ice-cold tone.

No matter how much Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial had done for the humans, he still plotted to cooperate with the gods. He disregarded the dignity of the human race's martyrs and let their blood and tears shed in vain. That alone was enough justification for Chu Kuangren to kill him a thousand times over.

Upon sensing the killing intent in Chu Kuangren's tone, Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial suddenly panicked and turned to the King of Gods and everyone else. "King of Gods, Zhan Xing, listen to me. Cang is the biggest obstacle to our collaboration, so we must eliminate him. With him gone, I will be the king of the human race, and our treaty shall continue!"

"Obstinate fool."

Chu Kuangren's mind power surged, gathering an army of spiritual weapons that hovered above the Godly Mountain. "Let's see who here can stop me from killing you today!"

As soon as he said that, the spiritual weapons rained down.

Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial manipulated the Heavenly Golden Imperial Avatar to defend himself against those weapons as hard as he could. However, he was only a peak-stage Minor Daoist Celestial, which was still not enough to withstand Chu Kuangren's attack. Chu Kuangren's mind power alone was nearing the Major Daoist Celestial Realm.

As such, it did not take long for Chu Kuangren to gain the upper hand over Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial. Under the continuous bombardment of the spiritual weapons, the Heavenly Golden Imperial Avatar shattered again.

Just as Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial was on the verge of getting killed, the gods interfered.

"Time Seal!"

An indifferent voice rang out.

A mysterious ripple of spacetime energy spread, enveloping the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial and halting those spiritual weapons in mid-air.

"Go!"

A figure arrived beside Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial and pulled him back toward the gods' side. Following that, the Time Seal was lifted, and the spiritual weapons slammed forcefully into the ground of the Godly Mountain, blasting out crater after crater.

"Oh, well if it isn't the Venerable Spacetime God."

Chu Kuangren looked at Venerable Spacetime God, and the corner of his mouth curved upward into a slight grin. Just when he was about to make another move, a golden sword ray, mixed with divine power and Emperor qi, suddenly gushed towards him.

“Ultimate Chasm of Convergence!”

Chu Kuangren raised his hand to form a whirlpool and defuse the attack. Then, he looked at the person who attacked, only to see Zhan Xing was the one holding a huge golden sword. Chu Kuangren had a teasing look on his face. “Hey. It really is you, huh? It’s been a long time. You seem to have improved by leaps and bounds. Should I praise you for being worthy of a demigod at last?”

Zhan Xing looked at Chu Kuangren, his eyes gleaming with incredibly fierce battle intent. “Cang, I don’t know how you’re not dead yet, but today, I can finally settle an old score with you!”

After saying that, he raised his hand and unleashed another sword attack!

“Titanic Storm Slash!”

The golden sword qi was immediately wrapped in a terrifying storm. It shattered the void everywhere it passed before eventually locking onto Chu Kuangren.

The attack was three times stronger than what the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial could manage.

“You’re just a man who lost to me. Don’t be so confident in yourself.”

Chu Kuangren chuckled softly.

With a single thought, freezing qi swept out, freezing everything in heaven, earth, and even the void. That golden sword qi storm was no exception as it froze in mid-air in the form of countless ice crystal fragments.

Endless Subzero Decimation!

The freezing qi spread wildly and turned the entire Godly Mountain into an iceberg!

Some Venerable Gods could not evade the freezing qi and were also affected. The inherently freezing qi seeped into their bodies and made them feel like their divine bodies were almost frozen into an ice sculpture.

“Single Thought Series, Unlimited Armaments Desolation!”

An army of spiritual weapons lambasted toward Zhan Xing. Some of the Venerable Gods did not dodge it quick enough in the process and were pulverized straight away. At that, Zhan Xing’s pupils shrank as he held onto the large golden sword in his hand, swinging it continuously to shield himself from the spiritual weapons.

Even so, he was forced back hit after hit!

“This is so strong!”

“This is the strength of the Human King!”

Zhan Xing’s gaze turned grim.

Then, his figure morphed into wisps of unfathomable wind. He shuttled through thousands of spiritual weapons unscathed. It looked so easy for him.

In the blink of an eye, he arrived before Chu Kuangren.

The golden sword in his grip struck out!

“Oh.”

Slightly surprised, Chu Kuangren raised his hand to condense another whirlpool, which disintegrated the sword attack into nothingness.

However, Zhan Xing held firmly onto the big sword. Refusing to give in, he continued to inject divine power and Emperor qi into the whirlpool.

At the same time, a stream of light swept out of Zhan Xing’s body. To everyone’s surprise, it turned into the exact same figure in an instant.

A cloning technique!

The clone attacked Chu Kuangren from the other direction.

“Fascinating.”

Chu Kuangren raised a hand, and a fire lotus flickered.

With a boom, the clone was blown away by the fire lotus.

Zhan Xing stumbled backward and re-merged with that clone earlier.

Chu Kuangren looked at his opponent and remarked, “First a combative technique and then a cloning technique. It seems like you have done an adequate study of my Single Thought Series.”

“Cang! I have spent all my time all these years thinking of ways to defeat you. Do you really expect me not to study your cultivation techniques in depth?”

Zhan Xing sneered.

“Unfortunately, you still can’t deal any damage to me after so much preparation. You’re still too weak.”

“You...”

Zhan Xing’s face turned glum. Indeed, he may have done a lot of research about Chu Kuangren, but he could not hurt him at all.

If he could not hurt Chu Kuangren, all the research he had done would be in vain!

“Now, take this!”

With a low cry, the divine power and two types of refined qi energy on Zhan Xing’s body erupted at the same time. Both energies echoed in the void and merged into a mighty, boundless energy wave that made the entire Godly Mountain tremble.

“Titanic Cascading Slash!”

Zhan Xing hurled his golden sword into the air.

As Daoist patterns flowed through the sword body, a surge of golden sword qi swept out from the sword body endlessly and formed what seemed like a waterfall that cascaded from the sky. It generates an overbearing power!

“His powers have completely surpassed mine!”

Venerable Titan God looked at Zhan Xing with shock.

He was the father-god of Zhan Xing. Yet now, the child that he accidentally conceived with a human female had far surpassed him.

The fact that a being crossbred from a human and a god had surpassed him, a Venerable God, in terms of power, made him feel a mix of emotions.

“Everyone, attack!”

Venerable Titan God yelled.

He raised his hand to cast his divine power and threw out a punch.

Upon seeing this, the rest of the Venerable Gods activated their respective divine powers as well.

“Fire Dragon Blaze!”

“Clamor of Eternal Souls!”

“Overworld Blizzard!”

“Wrath of the Turf!”

“Five Thunder Annihilation Blade!”

“Demonic Qi Torrents, Demonic Engulf!”

The Venerable Gods attacked at the same time. Since they were all as powerful as Daoist Celestials, all the power that was unleashed simultaneously was an extremely terrifying sight.

The entire sky was shrouded in colorful divine lights, and the entire Godly Mountain was plunged into unprecedented turmoil.

“Heavenly Golden Cauldron, Single Qi Blast!”

The Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial made his move again.

This time, he took out his Fated Daoist Weapon — a golden three-legged cauldron that depicted pictures of mountains and rivers, birds and beasts.

As the Heavenly Golden qi surged, Daoist patterns began to flow on the Heavenly Golden Cauldron, which radiated with countless dazzling rays of brilliance that smashed their way towards Chu Kuangren.

Divine power attacks, the Daoist Weapon’s suppressions, and various types of energies came crashing onto Chu Kuangren. It was like a huge apocalyptic flood that enveloped Chu Kuangren entirely.

Nevertheless, Chu Kuangren did not look flustered facing that tremendous barrage of attacks. Instead, he raised his hand gently as he cast his Prominent-quality Dao and mind power to their maximum capacity. Then, countless Daoist patterns spread along his palm in all directions.

“I have only used this move when I battled the King of Gods. Now, I will showcase it to all of you.”

“Single Thought Series, Absolute Silence, Planetary Destruction!”

Chapter 814: Open Your Eyes and Take a Closer Look, I Still Have This Prominent-Grade Emperor Qi

“Single Thought Series, Absolute Silence, Planetary Destruction!”

At that moment, a voice rang out.

Vast surges of mind power swept everywhere as countless strands of Daoist patterns swirled. Suddenly, the whole area plunged into an eerie silence.

Absolute silence.

After that, the Daoist patterns condensed into rings of light that spread everywhere, with Chu Kuangren as its center.

One by one, the overbearing divine power fluctuations shattered!

The Heavenly Golden Cauldron was immediately damaged and blasted away!

All the gods' attacks were reduced to nothing as the wave of light spread through them. It also injured some of the gods, who exploded into mists of blood amid the silence!

That terrifying silence engulfed the whole Godly Mountain.

Half of the Venerable Gods present were either dead or critically injured once the wave of light dissipated, with the remaining half suffering injuries. All of them were terrified by what had just happened.

“How is he so powerful?!”

The Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial's face turned pale.

That attack alone had damaged his Fated Daoist Weapon so badly that it was now almost a piece of scrap metal. As such, he suffered huge repercussions, and his combat strength was close to being depleted.

He still could not believe it.

He thought that his hard work all these years had allowed him to catch up or even surpass the Human King in terms of strength.

Yet, he never expected the difference in power between them to be so huge, still.

Even Zhan Xing felt the same way.

Seeking to defeat the Human King was his ultimate life goal, so he had researched and studied his opponent's techniques for countless years. However, he, too, realized now that all of his efforts were futile.

Chu Kuangren gradually retracted his mind power fluctuations, freeing the surrounding area from that strange silence. He looked around in delight. 'Not bad. It looks like this technique is still compelling.'

The Single Thought Series was a series of Esoteric Techniques that Chu Kuangren created after studying various mind power cultivation techniques. After he left the archaic ancient times, his Hell and Human Soul developed it further through cultivation. Eventually, building on the foundation of the previous four techniques, the fifth technique of the series was created.

It was the one he just used... Absolute Silence, Planetary Destruction.

That technique was terrifyingly powerful, so powerful that after his Hell and Human Soul created it, he only used it once during his battle with the King of Gods.

"This technique is still as frightening as I recalled."

An exclamation sounded.

It was the King of Gods.

All of the gods looked at him with hope in their eyes. 'The King of Gods is the only one who hasn't attacked. Since he's the one who died in battle alongside the Human King back then, I bet he's as strong as the Human King, right?'

"Let us help you, almighty King of Gods."

Zhan Xing said.

"Hmph. As long as you don't slow me down."

The King of Gods sneered.

He then looked towards Chu Kuangren. "Now that you've used the Absolute Silence, Planetary Destruction Technique, what other stuff do you have up your sleeves?"

"You'll find out soon enough."

"During the battle at the Immemorial Kunlun Pool, you and I both died, so let's see if you're strong enough to do the same now that we're at the Godly Mountain."

A menacing and domineering divine power aura erupted from the King of God's body.

It caused the whole Godly Mountain to rumble.

Amidst the void, a surge of energy entered his body and strengthened him.

It was the power of the Godly Mountain.

"Dao Convergence state."

Chu Kuangren activated his Heavenly Dao power at the same time too.

“Divine Apocalypse!”

The King of Gods raised his hand and slammed forward with his fist. An immeasurable surge of destructive divine power swept out violently, shaking the surrounding area and shattering the void.

“Single Thought Series, Cataclysmic Pantheon Flame Lotus!”

Golden-red flame lotuses appeared, their light radiating in all directions.

Both of them attacked almost at the same time.

Boom!

When the divine power and flame lotuses collided, shockwaves so powerful blasted the surrounding spectators of the battle away. None could deal with the impact.

That was a battle between beings close to a Great Daoist Celestial’s level.

Bam, bam!

The King of Gods and Chu Kuangren traded blow after blow. In the process, sparks of brilliance erupted with their respective divine power and mind power, dazzling everyone watching from the sidelines.

The king of all gods and the king of all humans!

After dozens of eras, the both of them were battling each other once more. For a moment, everyone present felt as if they had been transported back to the Immemorial Kunlun Pool.

“Wonderful!”

The King of Gods laughed out loud. “Cang, throughout all these years, you’re the only one who has ever succeeded in killing me and the first human who has gained my respect. Because of this, you’re also the first person whom I truly consider my lifelong enemy!”

“Come, feast your eyes upon this technique!”

“It is a divine technique that I’ve prepared specially for defeating you!”

The King of God’s divine power aura did not change much. However, his Dao fluctuations soon became stronger and more overbearing.

Countless Daoist patterns intertwined in the void as his destructive divine power combined to form a gigantic black sword in the void!

Everyone at the scene shuddered upon seeing that gigantic sword.

It was a sword created for the sole purpose of destruction!

“Interesting technique. It looks like sleeping has not been the only thing you’ve been doing in the Godly Mountain throughout the eras.” Chu Kuangren chuckled.

“Although my divine power has been stagnant due to no Power of Faith, my strength still remains. For many years, I’ve been invincible in battle. It was you who gave me the desire to become stronger. It was

also the first time I so desperately wanted to defeat someone. Hence, this technique was created specifically just to take you down.”

The King of Gods said coldly.

Without the Power of Faith, the divine power of a god would remain stagnant.

However, this did not mean that they could not strengthen themselves.

The changes in the technique used could also affect the might of their divine power. However, it was limited to the divine power they possessed. That was why their techniques could never improve or have any breakthrough.

Back then, the King of God’s strength had yet reached its fullest potential.

Therefore, after the Human King killed him, he started researching various techniques in hopes of using them to unleash the full extent of his divine power. In the end, a new technique was created.

“Cang, prepare yourself!”

“Divine Blade of Destruction, Kingslayer!”

With a low grunt, the King of Gods unleashed his terrifying sword technique.

In that instant, the endless void exploded violently.

Chu Kuangren squinted a little while facing that attack. Then, he channeled his mind power and Prominent-quality Dao to unleash his Single Thought Series, Absolute Silence, Planetary Destruction once more.

The moment the Kingslayer attack and wave of light collided, the most horrifying shockwave erupted. In turn, it overpowered and nullified the wave of light.

Chu Kuangren was forced back for the very first time.

“Ha! What do you think of this attack, Cang!”

The King of Gods grinned, and a look of delight appeared on his face. His countless years of effort had finally paid off.

“It’s alright.”

Chu Kuangren patted his chest and nodded a little.

“Your Planetary Destruction Technique is no longer a match for me. When the next attack hits you, the king shall fall!” The King of Gods laughed. Then, he channeled his divine power once more, and that gigantic black sword manifested in the void.

The Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial, Zhan Xing, and other Venerable Gods were overjoyed.

“As expected from the King of Gods. We’ll certainly win this battle!”

“That’s right. The return of the Human King is nothing but a joke.”

That destructive sword attack soon appeared.

When Chu Kuangren saw this, he chuckled. “Although my Planetary Destruction can’t defeat this, who said it’s the only technique I have?”

As soon as he said that, an overbearing surge of Emperor qi erupted in all directions.

With his mind power, Chu Kuangren activated the Emperor qi within him!

“Open your eyes and take a closer look. In this current life of mine, besides mind power, I also have this Prominent-grade Emperor qi!”

Chu Kuangren closed his fist, channeling his dense Emperor qi and mind power simultaneously. At the same time, his Prominent-quality Dao and Prominent-grade Esoteric Art were also activated!

As his three prominent energies combined and were strengthened by his mind power and Heavenly Dao energy, an unimaginably earth-shattering might erupted.

“What!”

All the gods were stunned.

Even the King of Gods was taken aback by this. However, he still unleashed his attack nonetheless.

“Divine Blade of Destruction, Kingslayer!”

“Invincible Technique, Inverted Universe!”

Chu Kuangren unleashed a punch, which activated the power of his Inverted Universe.

His fist energy instantly shattered and blew the gigantic sword apart upon collision, sending back large amounts of divine energy aura to the attacker.

The King of Gods was the first to get hit, and he was sent flying straight away.

Eventually, all of the gods behind him were hit with the impact, with some vomiting blood and some critically injured. It was chaos everywhere.

The weaker Venerable Gods immediately died on the spot..

Chapter 815: The Strongest Person Throughout the Ages, No One Can Stop Him Now

Invincible Technique, Inverted Universe!

The terrifying might of that technique swept out in all directions like a raging tide, causing the whole Godly Mountain to tremble while the gods were blasted away.

Some of the weaker Venerable Gods were even killed on the spot!

In a single attack, the destructive Kingslayer attack broke through, several gods were wiped out, and the surrounding area plunged into chaos!

Chu Kuangren remained where he was. He slowly retracted his oppressive might and glanced at the gods with an indifferent gaze. "As the Human King, I shall eradicate any obstacles that stand in the way of the human race. Are you ready to die, fellow gods?"

"How can he be so powerful..."

There was no telling how many times the gods had been shocked and astounded today.

Chu Kuangren's display of strength has far surpassed every being that existed in the history of Firmament Star. He was undoubtedly the strongest person throughout the ages.

"Everyone, attack!"

The King of Gods commanded with a grim expression.

The gods knew that there was no room for negotiation with Chu Kuangren and that only one side would survive after the battle.

With that in mind, the remaining gods attacked at once.

Even Zhan Xing and the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial forcefully suppressed their injuries and made their moves. However, they were critically injured, so how could they stand a chance against Chu Kuangren?

"Flame Dragon Roar!"

The Venerable Fire God yelled as he rushed towards Chu Kuangren.

At the same time, he punched out with his fist, unleashing countless flame currents.

Nevertheless, Chu Kuangren did not retreat. Instead, he took a step forward, opened his hand, and revealed a vortex in his palm that immediately absorbed the incoming flames.

"Too weak."

A golden-red flame lotus appeared.

In an instant, the Venerable Fire God was brutally burned into ashes.

"Overworld Blizzard!"

On the other hand, the Venerable Ice God attacked with a terrifying blizzard.

Chu Kuangren similarly retaliated with his freezing qi, fighting ice with ice. Before the Venerable Ice God could react, he was frozen into an ice statue by the freezing qi.

"Titanic Tyrant Punch!"

"Thousand-fold Thunderclap!"

The Venerable Titan God dashed before Chu Kuangren with golden light radiating from his fists. His devastating divine Titan God powers immediately swept out.

Following behind, the Venerable Thunder God thrust his lightning spear forward.

“Hah.”

A contemptuous chuckle was heard.

Chu Kuangren’s raw physical strength erupted as he punched forth. When his fist collided with the Venerable Titan God’s fist, a power strong enough to crush planets shattered the Venerable Titan God’s powers.

The Daoist patterns on the Venerable Titan God’s fists crumbled. Sounds of his bones snapping like twigs rang out.

The Venerable Titan God held his arm and screamed as he was sent flying.

Meanwhile, the lighting spear was almost right before Chu Kuangren.

However, a slender white arm grabbed hold of that spear tip the next moment, ignoring its devastating lighting energy.

The Venerable Thunder God’s expression changed as he felt a tremendous and unstoppable surge of energy suddenly erupting before him. The next thing he knew, he was already blasted away by Chu Kuangren, and he crashed onto the Venerable Titan God.

“Judgment of Light!”

“World-ending Darkness!”

Both the Venerable Light God and Venerable Darkness God channeled their divine power, releasing two different Daoist patterns that intertwined in the void.

As a surge of white and black energy circled in the void, a powerful bundle of white and black light formed and hurled itself towards Chu Kuangren.

Behind Chu Kuangren, Emperor qi surged into his Almighty Avatar.

His avatar opened its palm and grabbed onto that bundle of black and white light.

“Even light and darkness will have to surrender to chaos!”

Chu Kuangren said.

That was when the power of his Chaos Physique erupted!

Strands of Chaotic qi gushed out from the hands of his Almighty Avatar and crushed the bundle of black and white light!

After that, a bundle of Chaotic qi gathered around the Almighty Avatar’s fist before it unleashed a punch towards Venerable Light and Darkness Gods.

“Oh no!”

“Run!”

The two Venerable Gods wanted to dodge that attack. Unfortunately, they were too late.

By then, the bundle of Chaotic qi had hit them both and exploded into countless strands of Chaotic qi. With each strand of Chaotic qi being as dense as a planet, both the Venerable Gods were immediately killed on the spot!

“What a terrifying avatar.”

“This person can even unleash the power of Chaotic energy...”

At that, all the gods’ expressions changed.

Chu Kuangren seemed in the mood for battle, considering he had activated his Almighty Avatar and unleashed every technique and power of various Daoist Physiques in his arsenal.

Power of Light, Power of Darkness, Chaotic energy, the sword qi from his Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart, Divine Ferocious power, and many more. Since Chu Kuangren was now in the Daoist Celestial Realm, all those techniques had become unbelievably powerful.

Just his Almighty Avatar alone held several gods entirely at bay.

The Transcendental Daoist Celestial, Luo Shui, and others looked at each other.

They wanted to help at first.

However, by the look of things, it seemed like there was no need for them to do so.

Chu Kuangren was capable enough to suppress all the gods by himself. Hence, it was not necessary for them to join in.

“Is this the Human King’s strength? He’s so powerful.”

The Lunar Daoist Celestial was so stunned that her mouth hung open.

She was a little relieved.

Luckily, she chose to stand by the Human King’s side. If she had decided to stand with the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial and others, who knows what would have happened to her?

As for the Ethereal Daoist Celestial and the other Daoist Celestials who sided with the Heavenly Daoist Celestial, they were incredibly frightened by what they saw and were extremely regretful of their actions.

They were really foolish.

How could they be so foolish to side against their king?

If their king wanted them dead, it would not be hard for him to do so.

“Our king has gotten much more terrifying than he used to be.”

“That’s right. Back then, our king only used mind power in battle. But now, our king has cultivated both mind power and Emperor qi. His strength is just too frightening.”

“And there I was wondering how an outlier like Chu Kuangren appeared in this world? It turns out that he’s the reincarnation of our king.”

The Daoist Celestials discussed as they marveled at Chu Kuangren's display of strength.

"Spacetime Cage!"

At that moment, several silver-white pillars of light appeared in the void.

A powerful burst of spacetime energy instantly enveloped the surrounding area, forming a cage that trapped Chu Kuangren within.

"Oh, it's this Godly Weapon again." Chu Kuangren looked at the pillars of light in his surroundings before glancing towards the Venerable Spacetime God in the distance.

In order to trap him, the Venerable Spacetime God had channeled his spacetime energy to its limits. He even activated his spacetime divine ability immediately after "Time Seal!"

A mysterious wave of energy was sent towards Chu Kuangren.

"I've already told you. Your spacetime Dao is still too weak!"

Chu Kuangren ignored the effects of the spacetime divine ability.

With a single thought, circles of light spread from him in all directions.

Absolute Silence, Planetary Destruction!

Under the impact of those light circles, the spacetime divine ability was destroyed immediately.

With that, the surrounding pillars of light started to crack.

"Do you possibly think this spacetime cage can trap me? How funny."

After that, an explosion erupted and shattered the spacetime cage!

Endless shockwaves swept out, sending the Venerable Spacetime God flying and causing his body to disintegrate directly on the spot.

However, time was reversed the next instant.

The Venerable Spacetime God appeared in a perfect condition once more.

However, he was looking at Chu Kuangren with utmost horror this time. It was as if he was facing the most unbelievably terrifying wild beast in the world.

"This power... He's way stronger compared to back then. In this world, I'm afraid no one can stop him now..." The Venerable Spacetime God uttered with his voice trembling.

"Let's run!"

Someone suddenly yelled out.

After that, the gods just started escaping madly in all directions.

The gods were now afraid.

What was the point of receiving the Power of Faith? With the Human King around, they would never stand a chance to spread their religions and gain followers.

So what if they could revive from the Godly Mountain?

If they were revived, Chu Kuangren would just kill them again.

In that case, what was the difference between being alive and dead?

Chapter 816: The King of Gods Absorbs the Godly Mountain Source, Things Are Finally Getting Interesting

“Do you possibly think you can escape?”

Chu Kuangren sneered.

The next moment, a golden ray of light suddenly shot up into the sky from somewhere in the Godly Mountain, revealing a large golden seal hovered above the Godly Mountain’s peak.

It was the Human King Seal that had sealed away the Godly Mountain in the past!

The Human King Seal automatically appeared upon sensing Chu Kuangren’s aura. The Human King Seal shone brightly as it hovered above the Godly Mountain and enveloped the entire Godly Mountain in its brilliant light.

At that instant, the gods inside the Godly Mountain had nowhere to escape.

“It’s the Human King Seal!”

“D*mn it. Chu Kuangren has sealed the area surrounding the Godly Mountain with the Human King Seal.”

“We can’t escape now.”

The gods’ faces immediately sank.

The Venerable Spacetime God then shouted, “Cang, I request a truce. We, the gods, will promise that we’ll never involve ourselves in the humans’ affair forever.”

“Do you think I’m as foolish as the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial? Do you think I’ve forgotten about the Hundred Thousand Year Contract that you gods have breached? Everything you say is nothing but bullcr*p to me. There’s no way I’ll believe anything the gods say.”

Chu Kuangren said apathetically.

Then, he raised his hand, gathering an army of spiritual weapons in the sky.

“Cang, the gods can become a great ally in helping us conquer other interstellar civilizations. Why do you have to kill them all?” the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial asked.

“Oh? So you’re begging for their mercy now, huh?”

Chu Kuangren shot him a chilling glance.

"I'm just speaking based on the facts here."

The Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial felt a little guilty now.

"Today, neither you nor gods here are leaving this place alive."

Chu Kuangren lifted his arm, about to unleash his Unlimited Armaments Desolation.

However, a tremendous surge of energy suddenly erupted from the depths of the Godly Mountain, and a gigantic bundle of colorful light rose into the sky.

From it, a dense surge of energy spread outward.

"That's the... Godly Mountain Source!"

"Only the King of God himself can control the Godly Mountain Source. What is he trying to do? Could it be? He's... No, he mustn't do that!"

The gods looked at the bundle of light, their expression gradually turning to horror and rage.

It was as if something had ticked them off.

Meanwhile, everyone else was curious.

'The Godly Mountain Source? What kind of object is this? Why are the gods so concerned about it?'

Even Chu Kuangren got a little interested.

"Lil Ai, analyze this for me."

"Analyzing... Godly Mountain Source, a source of energy that existed before the birth of the Firmament Star's Heavenly Dao, contains the source of every god's energy within it..."

After Lil Ai's analysis, Chu Kuangren realized that the Godly Mountain Source was, in fact, the source of every god's power.

Once it was destroyed, all the gods would lose their strength and power.

Furthermore, the Godly Mountain Source was why the Venerable Gods could revive all the time. If the Godly Mountain Source was destroyed, they would no longer revive once killed.

No wonder the gods were so anxious and enraged.

"Ha! To think I was busy figuring out how to wipe them out in one go. I can't believe the King of Gods himself has provided me with a solution."

Chu Kuangren chuckled.

The energy inside the bundle of light surged before it quickly shrank. At that moment, the gods around him could feel their power fading away rapidly.

"No! No! Please don't do it!"

“Oh, King of Gods, you’re ruining the foundation of us gods!”

The other gods were extremely horrified. However, they could not do anything to stop it.

“The King of Gods has gone crazy! He’s even willing to destroy our foundation just to defeat Chu Kuangren!” the Venerable Spacetime God uttered with a bitter smile.

Then, a figure slowly appeared from the colorful bundle of light.

It was the King of Gods.

The King of Gods now appeared different compared to earlier as there were countless colorful strands of Daoist patterns swirling around his body with dazzling brilliance.

His eyes were as deep as the stars. Every move he made was laced with catastrophic energy that could destroy the world.

At that moment, he had already combined with the power of every god as one!

“Cang, fight me once more!”

The King of Gods said coldly as a never-before-seen divine might erupted from his body. He raised his hand, channeled vast amounts of divine power, and punched forth.

Similarly, Chu Kuangren unleashed a punch with his fist as well.

The two menacing energies collided.

The Godly Mountain was immediately blown apart. Without the Godly Mountain Source, it was now no different than an ordinary mountain.

If it were not for the Human King Seal surrounding this area, the horrifying energy fluctuations would have wiped out all of the prefectures nearby.

“That kind of energy... Interesting.”

Chu Kuangren patted the dust off his chest. He realized that the King of God’s energy had reached the level of a Great Daoist Celestial. However, it made sense that he could achieve that level of strength, considering he had consolidated every god’s power to aid him.

A slight excitement lit up in his eyes.

“It looks like we’re going to have an interesting fight today.”

He took a step forward, prompting the Almighty Avatar behind him to unleash a punch.

The King of Gods fought back as well.

The whole Godly Mountain crumbled under the tremendous impact of their fight, and terrifying shockwaves slammed against the sealing Daoist patterns of the Human King Seal.

Boom, boom, boom...

Chu Kuangren controlled his avatar to unleash punch after punch towards the King of Gods. Every blow he traded with his opponent was enveloped with different Dao fluctuations to utilize the Almighty Avatar's might to its fullest extent.

Sword qi, innate ferocious qi, Power of Light, Power of Darkness, Chaotic energy, and many more energies were unleashed in succession, making the King of Gods feel overwhelmed.

"What is going on with this avatar?"

The King of Gods uttered resentfully.

However, he channeled the divine power within him, increasing his strength to the next level.

"Divine Apocalypse, crush this attack for me!"

The Almighty Avatar was immediately destroyed with a bang!

Yet, despite destroying his avatar, he still could not injure Chu Kuangren, who stepped forward and approached the King of Gods. Raw physical strength, mind power, Emperor qi, and other energies erupted from his fists, radiating brilliantly as he moved.

Boom, boom, boom!

Chu Kuangren and the King of Gods came into close-quarters combat.

Suddenly, fists, palms, fingers, feet, elbows, and other parts of the body seemingly turned into the deadliest weapon in the world, landing on his opponent with terrifying amounts of power. As a result, the Godl

It was the most primitive form of combat without any complicated mystics and mysteries!

It was an exchange of the purest form of techniques, and there was no holding back!

The both of them battled into the void.

Then, they returned from the void to the Godly Mountain, their figures flashing everywhere as they battled.

Meanwhile, everyone else was hiding under the Human King Seal's protection as they watched the battle. All of them were stunned speechless.

That battle was just too remarkable, so much that they could not even think of anything else, lest they missed any details during the fight.

"Caught you!"

The King of Gods fiercely grabbed hold of Chu Kuangren's incoming fists with a sneer. After that, a ferocious black dragon suddenly appeared from his chest.

The black dragon opened its gigantic mouth, intending to bite Chu Kuangren.

"You fool!"

Chu Kuangren sneered.

Hum!

A sword chant rang out.

Chu Kuangren's sword unsheathed itself and blocked the black dragon's advance.

When the dragon's head clashed with his sword, Chu Kuangren and the King of Gods were forced backward.

The black dragon hovered in the air as its terrifying aura spread everywhere and turned into a black halberd that fell into the King of God's grasp.

That was the King of God's Godly Weapon, the Black Dragon Halberd!

Chu Kuangren had seen that weapon once during the battle at the Immemorial Kunlun Pool.

"A sword? I thought that gorgeous sword at your waist was nothing but an ornament," the King of Gods uttered with surprise.

The Descendant Self Sword trembling lightly.

It seemed to be expressing dissatisfaction towards the King of God's comments that it was just a mere ornament.

Chu Kuangren raised his hand and grabbed the Descendant Self Sword by its pommel. As he switched his Invincible Dao to Sword Dao, endless sword Dao aura spread into the surroundings and shattered the void around them. "I wonder how many blows can your Black Dragon Halberd take before it breaks?"

"You insolent b*stard!"

The King of Gods snorted before immediately attacking with his halberd.

The battle between the king of all gods and the king of all men entered a new chapter. From hand-to-hand combat to fully armed combat, the intensity of their fight increased once more..

Chapter 817: Solo Universal Conquest, Killing the King of Gods, Slaying Heavenly Golden

Clang, clang...

Sounds of metal clanking echoed in the void.

It was accompanied by the terrifying sight of the void constantly exploding as a gorgeous white-jade sword and a ferocious black halberd clashed with each other.

The Descendant Self Sword and the Black Dragon Halberd — these two ultimate weapons had added more color to this great battle between man and god.

When it came to the sophistication of techniques and combat experience, the King of Gods could not overpower Chu Kuangren at all despite having been alive for countless years.

After all, the King of Gods was born with unparalleled divine power. As such, he rarely had any intense battles with anyone, let alone opportunities to gain combat experience.

However, things were different for Chu Kuangren.

He had fought countless battles ever since starting his path of cultivation.

He was even known as the Battlefield Ruler back in the Extraterritorial Battlefield!

His combat experience and skills had long surpassed the otherworldly level. It even seemed like he was overpowering the King of God's attacks.

"Hmph, Black Dragon Halberd Technique, Empyrean Soaring Dragon!"

The King of Gods snorted coldly. With a thrust of his halberd, his divine power erupted.

In the sky, his divine power and Daoist patterns combined to form a ferocious black dragon. Along with endless gusts of storms, the dragon dashed toward Chu Kuangren.

"Heaven-Slaying Sword Drawing Technique!"

Chu Kuangren also let out a sword attack at the same time.

His sword qi was so sharp that it could slice anything apart in the world.

Nevertheless, both sides refused to give up after that round of attack.

The King of Gods channeled his ultimate techniques and tossed his halberd into mid-air, where swirls of divine power intertwined with his Daoist patterns. Instantly, countless strands of strength qi erupted.

"Black Dragon Halberd Technique, Striking Four Seas Dragon!"

The black dragon appeared once more. Its majestic divine power surged everywhere like an endless tide.

"Heaven-Slaying Sword Drawing Technique!"

Chu Kuangren slashed out, splitting the dragon apart!

"Black Dragon Halberd Technique, Scorching Eight Wind Dragon!"

With a long roar, black flames gushed out from the halberd. In the sea of flames, the black dragon dashed towards Chu Kuangren.

"Heaven-Slaying Sword Drawing Technique!"

With the same attack again, the sea of fire dissipated, and Chu Kuangren was still standing.

The King of Gods was speechless.

"Is that the only sword technique you know?"

Chu Kuangren brushed his fingertips across the Descendant Self Sword's body. With his snow-white clothes, he looked like the god of swords at that moment. "My one strike can destroy a myriad of techniques, unlike those fancy techniques of yours."

The King of God's mouth twitched.

At that, his gaze turned ferocious. "This next move of mine will determine the outcome of our battle. Divine Blade of Destruction... Kingslayer"

The King of Gods used his most powerful divine ability once again!

A gigantic black sword filled with destructive aura and divine power appeared in the void, causing the whole area to tremble!

Following that, the King of Gods tossed his Black Dragon Halberd, which turned into a ferocious black dragon that fixed itself above the gigantic black sword!

The combination of the King of God's technique and his Godly Weapon was so powerful that it shook the whole world!

That attack was dozens of times stronger than before.

When the King of Gods unleashed his attack, the black dragon roared and immediately sealed Chu Kuangren's out from his surrounding area. It rendered Chu Kuangren unable to escape and forced him to face that attack head-on!

"I shall show you the might of the human race's sword then!"

A glint flashed across Chu Kuangren's eyes.

After that, he rose into the air as he channeled the power of his Emperor qi and mind power to their fullest potential. Soon, ripples of the incredibly mysterious Sword Dao appeared.

At that moment, the countless swords all around the Firmament Star trembled.

"Imperial Monarch Sword Art, Solo Universal Conquest!"

Chu Kuangren let out a cold grunt. In an instant, a gigantic golden figure that resembled him immediately appeared behind him.

The only thing different was that the figure had a high and mighty demeanor. Its aura was so terrifying that it could dominate the whole world, akin to a grand emperor!

Chu Kuangren raised the Descendant Self Sword in his hand high into the air.

Behind him, the Grand Emperor Avatar also lifted its hand.

A strand of golden sword qi churned continuously in the palm of its hand and shot out towards the destructive sword storm!

That was the sword of the human race and even the Human King's sword too!

The King of God's pupils shrank.

'F*ck!'

'Didn't he say the Single Strike Technique was the only attack he knew?'

'Why is he using a different sword technique now!'

'Human King, how shameless of you!'

The King of Gods cursed internally. However, facing the Solo Universal Conquest's attack, he could only channel his full divine power to resist it.

The sword attacks from both sides clashed violently!

Thousands of kilometers of the void shattered while the Human King Seal continued to radiate its brilliance. To prevent the nearby prefectures from getting destroyed, it tried to contain the immeasurably terrifying energy wave within the Godly Mountain's boundary.

As the black dragon cried out, the Divine Blade of Destruction shattered!

The King of Gods was blasted away by the sword qi attack, eventually slamming into the boundary formed by the Human King Seal. He immediately spewed blood, and the light on his Godly Physique had dimmed greatly.

"You lost!"

With the Descendant Self Sword in hand, Chu Kuangren looked at the King of Gods indifferently.

The Daoist Celestials were overjoyed.

Every one of them looked at Chu Kuangren's silhouette with admiration and respect. Only that man deserved to lead them all as their king!

That man has led them to victory against the gods once again!

The gods' faces had turned ashen.

They lost.

This time, they had been utterly defeated.

If the King of Gods was not a match for Chu Kuangren even after absorbing the Godly Mountain Source, what else could they possibly do to fight against Chu Kuangren?!

"Impossible. Impossible!"

"I've consolidated the gods' strength into my body and increased my power to a level that this world has never seen before! How could I have lost? How is that possible?!"

The King of God's eyes turned red with rage.

He stretched out his hand, summoning his Black Dragon Halberd that was falling from the air.

"I couldn't have lost! Especially to you!" As the king of all gods, he could not accept the fact that he had been defeated by the same person twice!

Taking a step forward, the Kind of Gods rushed and aimed his halberd towards Chu Kuangren.

"Futile!"

Chu Kuangren raised his sword and unleashed a slash.

His sword clashed once more with his opponent's halberd. Upon hearing a clang, a crack appeared on the Black Dragon Halberd, and it grew larger until it eventually covered the whole halberd. In the end, the halberd shattered into pieces.

After shattering the Black Dragon Halberd, the Descendant Self Sword landed on the King of God's body, proceeding to brutally tear through the divine power's glow and send the King of Gods flying with a slash.

That one attack critically injured the King of Gods, and the energy from the Godly Mountain Source he had forcefully absorbed earlier started leaking out from his body.

"The Black Dragon Halberd... My Black Dragon Halberd... I-It's... shattered?!"

The King of Gods could not believe it.

Only then did he notice his injuries and the leaking Godly Mountain Source. A ruthless look appeared in his eyes. "Cang! Even if I die, I will drag you and everyone else here along with me to my grave!"

His Godly Physique started to swell and expand while the countless Daoist Patterns around it began to crumble. A frightening surge of energy was about to erupt!

"He's going to ignite the power of the Godly Mountain Source!"

One of the gods yelled.

Being the source of every god's power, the energy contained in the Godly Mountain Source was incredibly vast. There was no way the King of Gods could absorb it all.

However, it was because of that did he manage to reach the level of a Great Daoist Celestial.

If such tremendous energy were to erupt...

The consequences would be grave.

At that moment, Chu Kuangren recalled the battle at Blood God Mountain. That explosion had brought countless disasters onto the Blood Origin Star and endless suffering to the lives of millions of inhabitants there.

"Cang! Can your Human King Seal withstand this amount of energy?!"

The King of Gods yelled crazily.

Although the Human King Seal was powerful, it would require at least three of itself to block the energy of the Godly Mountain Source.

"You won't make it in time!"

Chu Kuangren rushed forth, immediately activating his Time Lock ability!

Suddenly, everything became silent.

In an instant, Chu Kuangren's Descendant Self Sword was already at the King of God's neck, slicing his sword from his head.

The King of Gods has fallen!

Following his death, that vast, majestic aura of the Godly Mountain Source gradually stabilized and was sealed back into the King of God's divine fragment.

"Everything has ended."

The Transcendental Daoist Celestial breathed a sigh of relief.

After killing the King of Gods, Chu Kuangren's figure flashed and appeared before the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial, glaring at him apathetically.

"My King, I was wrong. I was gravely mistaken. Please, please consider the contributions that I've achieved for the human race and give me another chance." The Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial knelt on the ground, kowtowing as he begged for mercy.

"Didn't Greenie and the other Heavenly Tormentors contribute the same, if not more, to the advancement of the human race? But because you wanted to cooperate with the gods, you were willing to kill them? What about the Chaos Daoist Celestials and others? Haven't they contributed to the progress of the human race in their own way as well? In your desire for self-gain, you were even willing to watch him sealed inside the Slumbering Emperor Coffin for dozens of eras. If I don't kill you now, won't that be an insult to everything they've sacrificed for the human race?"

Boom!

The kneeling Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial suddenly stood up and attacked Chu Kuangren. As he unleashed a fist attack, he yelled with a ferocious expression, "Now die, Cang!"

However, before he could get near Chu Kuangren, he was immediately slammed into the ground by a surge of mind power. Following that, the mind power turned into a vortex beneath him, devouring the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial alive. Everyone could hear the sounds of his bones cracking.

As he screamed, the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial was crushed into a pile of flesh by the mind power vortex..

Chapter 818: The Daoist Celestials Awake From Their Slumber, Beating Some Manners Into the Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial

After killing the Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial and King of Gods, Chu Kuangren looked at the other gods. Since the Godly Mountain Source had been forcefully absorbed by the King of Gods, these gods were only left with some divine power. Hence, none of them were a threat to him.

The only one among them that still had strength was Zhan Xing.

Upon noticing Chu Kuangren's gaze, Zhan Xing shuddered uncontrollably. Then, he said with dissatisfaction, "Cang, you've been dead for dozens of eras. Why have you returned?"

"Because the human race still needs me."

Chu Kuangren replied.

"If it weren't for you, I would have been the rightful Human King! I would've led the humans to live in coexistence with the gods, starting a new era in this world."

"Living together with the gods? Are you kidding? The gods have always seen us, humans, as nothing but cattle and treated us as tools. If you were the one who led the humans, I'm afraid the human race would still be enslaved and living in fear of the gods. Their lives would be shrouded in darkness forever."

"Do you truly believe that humans and gods can't get along with each other?!"

Zhan Xing asked coldly.

"No matter what, we humans will never get along with these gods here!"

Chu Kuangren said as he glanced towards the Venerable Gods.

He had never rejected the notion of humans living alongside the gods. Perhaps in other civilizations, something like that was possible.

However, the humans and gods of the Firmament Star could never co-exist.

These gods have brought too much harm and destruction to the human race.

The remaining Venerable Gods could not help but remain silent.

All of them suddenly reflected on their past. If they had treated humans better back when the human race was in its infancy, would this have happened? Or would a different future play out instead? At the very least, things would not end up as bad as they were now.

Unfortunately, there were no what-ifs in history.

"Now die!"

Chu Kuangren raised his hand gently.

Surges of spiritual power turned into an army of spiritual weapons that rained down from the sky.

None of the gods at that time were left alive! Not even Zhan Xing!

Even the followers of the God Worshipping Cult were not spared. After all, these people had been brainwashed by the gods and were absolutely loyal to them.

If they were kept alive, who knows what kind of trouble they would stir up in the future?

They might as well be dealt with now.

Chu Kuangren could be very benevolent sometimes. However, at times when he had to be ruthless, he would turn into a murderous executioner.

He walked towards the King of God's corpse and took out a rhombus-shaped crystal. That was the King of God's divine fragment, which contained incredibly terrifying energy. It was the power of every god, the Godly Mountain Source!

After cleaning up, Chu Kuangren left the area with the others.

The Venerable Gods had been completely wiped out.

As for the remaining gods who survived and were scattered around the world, there was nothing to fear about them anymore.

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"My King, shall we disable the Detaching Heaven Megaformation?"

The Daoist Celestials had gathered in a meeting.

During that meeting, the Transcendental Daoist Celestial brought up that question.

"There's no need."

The Transcendental Daoist Celestial was taken aback for a while before he asked, "But Daoist Celestial Luo Shui and the others have been slumbering for so long. Are we going to keep them there?"

He did not believe his King was such a ruthless person.

Sure enough.

Chu Kuangren chuckled. "Who told you we need to disable the Detaching Heaven Megaformation to release Luo Shui and the others?"

Then, Chu Kuangren looked into the sky and said, "This Detaching Heaven Megaformation was created after Formation Daoist Celestial's and my extensive research. All it requires is a tremendous amount of power to activate it. Because such energy cannot be easily found in the Firmament Star, the Foundation Doiast Celestial came up with the idea of using Daoist Celestials as the formation core."

"However, we have that kind of energy now."

Chu Kuangren said as he took out the divine fragments of a few Venerable Gods. "If we use these divine fragments as a replacement, we can keep the Detaching Heaven Megaformation running. All we need to do is replace the energy source from time to time after that."

"We don't have many Venerable God's divine fragments, though. What happens if we run out?"

"The Heavenly Golden Daoist Celestial was right about one thing. What the Firmament Star needs now is to progress and develop. It will only be a matter of time before we make contact with the other interstellar civilizations out there. Hence, there's no need to worry about running out of energy. There must be something out there in the vast universe that could replace it."

Chu Kuangren explained.

"Alright." The Transcendental Daoist Celestial nodded slightly.

After that, Chu Kuangren handed over the matter of using the Venerable God's divine fragments to replace the Detaching Heaven Megaformation's core to the Transcendental Daoist Celestial.

Within the next few days, Firmament Star had gained a few more Daoist Celestials, and the nine of them were now gathered with the remaining Daoist Celestials.

"I can't believe so many things have happened."

A Daoist Celestial in white robes could not help but lament after learning everything from the Transcendental Daoist Celestials and others. That person was the Sword Daoist Celestial, the first wielder of the Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart.

A few others were beside him, including Luo Shui's main body, a monk wearing a cassock and holding a Buddhist staff, a middle-aged man wearing armor with faint surges of ferocious qi swirling around him...

"That's right. Our King... Where is he now?"

One of the Daoist Celestials asked.

He was Daoist Celestial Feng Gu, one of the powerful cultivators of the Antigod Pavillion. He was also one of the Daoist Celestials who had known Chu Kuangren the longest.

"Hello, everyone. Long time no see."

At that moment, a cheerful voice sounded from outside the great hall.

Chu Kuangren was slowly walking in.

When Daoist Celestial Feng Gu, Daoist Celestial Yan Wu, and the others saw that unfamiliar face, they were taken aback for a moment.

"Although his face is different, his demeanor and Dao aura... It's certainly similar to our King's."

Feng Gu mumbled before stepping forth to give his greetings.

"Greetings, my King."

"Greetings, almighty King!"

The Daoist Celestials hurriedly went up to greet him.

Chu Kuangren looked at everyone and chuckled. "It's been a long time, you guys. I'm sorry you had to sleep for that long."

"It's all for the greater good of the Firmament Star, my King."

"That's right. We'd do it again if we have to."

"Haha. Putting this aside, my King, I hear that this is your newly reincarnated body, with Chu Kuangren as his name, right? At the end of the day, you're still different from Cang. If you want me to acknowledge you as my king, you'll have to convince me with your strength."

A burst of laughter rang out from a middle-aged man in black armor, who was looking at Chu Kuangren. His eyes were filled with unstoppable fighting intent.

"Innate Ferocious, watch your mouth!"

Luo Shui scolded.

“Our King is still the king we once knew. Disrespecting your superior like that, have you lost your manners?”

Feng Gu could not help but shoot a glare at the Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial.

Chu Kuangren simply waved his hand and laughed. “Hahaha. You haven’t changed even after so many years, Innate Ferocious.”

Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial was the first wielder of the Infallible Tormented Physique and was well-known for his thirst for combat. Back then, he was only willing to acknowledge Cang as king after Cang beat him into submission.

In the eyes of the Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial, Chu Kuangren was the reincarnation of Cang by name only. To him, these two were not the same person.

If Chu Kuangren wanted Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial to acknowledge him, he would have to convince him with his strength.

Chu Kuangren lifted his hand and tore open a rift into the void. Then, he smiled and said, “Let’s do it in the void, and I’ll beat some manners into you while we’re at it.”

The Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial chuckled. “Please!”

After that, he stepped forth and entered the void.

Inside the void.

Chu Kuangren and Innate Ferocious prepared to battle.

A black spear, flowing with terrifying amounts of innate ferocious qi and Daoist patterns, appeared in Innate Ferocious’s hand.

“Take this, Chu Kuangren!”

The Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial lifted his hand to channel his Emperor qi and attacked with his spear. He did not hold back, immediately displaying his full power as a Daoist Celestial.

Chu Kuangren grinned a little. Without using mind power, a miniverse appeared in the palm of his hand. He grabbed the incoming spear and tugged it roughly, dragging the Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial towards him.

A knee instantly slammed into his opponent’s belly. Despite being protected by armor, the Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial could not help but cry out in pain.

Chu Kuangren took advantage of that and continued attacking. After getting close to his opponent, he unleashed a quick barrage of attacks, overwhelming his opponents with strikes from his fist, palm, knee, and elbow. Moments later, his opponent’s face was swollen.

Feng Gu, Yan Wu, and the others were stunned. As they recalled, their king had never fought in closed combat before.

‘When did our King become so powerful?’

Chapter 819: Elder Ruyan's Ideas, You Flatter Me Too Much

Inside the void, the Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial, who never expected Chu Kuangren to fight in close combat, found himself caught off guard and eventually overwhelmed by his opponent. All he could see in front of him were the silhouette of rapid punches and palm attacks, making him feel dizzy.

“Destroy it all!”

The Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial yelled as he unleashed his Divine Ferocious Avatar!

The Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial's strength increased when his avatar emerged. Surges of ferocious qi filled the surrounding area, slamming against the void.

Upon seeing this, Chu Kuangren also revealed his Almighty Avatar, which at first glance, appeared several times more powerful than the Divine Ferocious Avatar.

The Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial gulped as he noticed that the battle was not progressing in his favor. His Divine Ferocious Avatar was like a mere child compared to his opponent's Almighty Avatar.

How could he be a match for something like that?

To his surprise, he also sensed an aura similar to his Divine Ferocious Avatar from the Almighty Avatar. No, not only that, but the aura of the Chaos Physique, Transcendental Coalescence Physique, and other Daoist Physiques as well.

‘When did the King's combat style change so much?’

The Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial was extremely puzzled.

However, Chu Kuangren's Almighty Avatar had already pinned down his Divine Ferocious Avatar to the ground by then, eventually shattering it with a few punches.

All of a sudden, the Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial felt a surge of incredibly terrifying energy locking on to him. Before he knew it, the Almighty Avatar had already grabbed him in mid-air. No matter how he struggled to escape with his Emperor qi, his efforts were futile.

“Do you still want to continue?”

Chu Kuangren smiled playfully.

The Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial hurriedly shook his head. “No, no more. I've had enough.”

Although he absolutely adored combat, that did not mean he liked being abused and beaten up. He finally understood that the difference in power between himself and Chu Kuangren was just too drastic. Their strengths were worlds apart.

He only possessed a mid-stage Minor Daoist Celestial's combat strength.

However, from his perspective, he reckoned Chu Kuangren was at least a peak-stage Minor Daoist Celestial who might even be strong enough to go against a Great Daoist Celestial.

At that moment, Chu Kuangren retracted his Almighty Avatar.

The Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial quickly came up to Chu Kuangren and knelt. "Apologies, my King. I'm deeply sorry for my transgressions earlier. Please lay down any punishment upon me as you wish."

He was convinced now.

The King before him was much stronger than before.

"Sheesh, get up. That's just your character, right? Punishments are not necessary." Chu Kuangren chuckled.

To protect the Firmament Star, the Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial was willing to become part of the formation's core by entering a deep slumber for twelve eras. How could Chu Kuangren possibly make a fuss about him over something small like that?

"My King, you're much stronger now."

The Innate Daoist Celestial said sincerely.

"Of course. Not only is our King stronger now, but he has also become much more attractive too." A female Daoist Celestial said as she walked over and looked at Chu Kuangren with a crazed obsession in her eyes.

She was known as Daoist Celestial An Yue.

She had always treated Chu Kuangren with god-like reverence and had a deep liking towards him. However, she would always be rejected every time she professed her love to Chu Kuangren every so often.

Nevertheless, she would always serve by his side as his loyal subordinate.

"Watch yourself. You're going to drool all over the place."

Luo Shui, who was standing beside her, reminded her.

"Tsk, feelings of love should be expressed. What's the point of hiding it?"

Daoist Celestial An Yue snorted and walked towards Chu Kuangren, ignoring what Luo Shui said. "My King, I've been asleep for such a long time. Now that we can finally meet again, I can't wait to warm your bed for you later..."

She looked extremely excited.

"No need. My bedsheets are warm enough."

Chu Kuangren replied frustratingly. He had lost count of the times such conversations had taken place in his memory.

"Oh." Daoist Celestial An Yue was a little disappointed. However, she quickly returned to normal. Having been rejected so many times, she had long been accustomed to it, and her Daoist core had become incredibly rocksteady.

After meeting with the Daoist Celestials, the next thing to do was handle the Firmament Star's internal affairs and reorganize the inhabitants of the eighty-one strongholds in the Extraterritorial Region.

Those were extremely daunting tasks.

Even with the help of Elder Ruyan and a group of Daoist Celestials, Chu Kuangren took quite a while to sort those matters out.

After several months, Chu Kuangren and the group of Daoist Celestials finally developed a roadmap for the Firmament Star's development. What followed after would be the implementation of that plan.

Regarding this matter, Chu Kuangren had assigned Elder Ruyan as the person in charge.

After all, Elder Ruyan had always been Chu Kuangren's best assistant in dealing with these trivial matters. She would always handle it better than he could.

"Elder Ruyan, no matter how you see it, I'm the Human King now. Why don't I appoint you as the human race's chief governor?"

Chu Kuangren said as he rested his chin on his hand, looking at Elder Ruyan, who was busy sorting through a few documents and scripts at that time.

Elder Ruyan rolled her eyes. "I already have my hands full dealing with just Black Heaven Sect alone. The entire human race? By the Heavens, I beg you, my King. Please spare me from this torture."

"It is a supreme position of power, you know? Are you really going to let this chance slip by, Elder Ruyan?" Chu Kuangren said playfully.

"Hehe. If you want me to die from exhaustion, you might as well be frank about it."

"Ha! There's no way. I still have to count on you a lot in the future. By the way, Elder Ruyan, do you have any ideas on how the human race should progress?" Chu Kuangren changed the topic.

Elder Ruyan continued flipping through the documents in her hand as she said, "In that case, I'll give it to you straight. Currently, only the higher-ups of the human race know that you're the Human King. The common folk and lower level cultivators still don't know this yet."

"Furthermore, the human race is separated all over the place, with hundreds of kingdoms and cities scattered around the world. I'm not even talking about the cultivator orthodoxies yet, just so you know. There are tons of sage orthodoxies and Emperor orthodoxies out there too."

"If they're to take charge of themselves like how they have always been doing, that would not be a problem. However, Sect Leader, I understand that you plan to develop our human race further into an interstellar civilization. I must say. I may not have any idea how powerful the other interstellar civilizations are, but no matter how you look at it, one of those civilizations must be hundreds and thousands of times more powerful than any Emperor orthodoxy, right?"

"Before we look into the interstellar, we must first make sure that our own backyard is well managed. If the forces of the Firmament Star remain scattered, it would be extremely challenging to carry out our plans, let alone fend off any attacks from the interstellar civilizations..."

Chu Kuangren listened quietly, his fingers tapping on the handle of his chair unconsciously. He then asked, "How do you plan to solve this, Elder Ruyan?"

"Hm. If we're going to consolidate our power, the best way would be to..."

"Build our own empire!" Chu Kuangren chuckled.

Elder Ruyan, who was interrupted, nodded gently. "That's right. Putting aside the other races like demons and yashas for now, we, the human race, must first unite. And the best way to do so is just that, by establishing an empire to centralize our power."

"Ah, building an empire, huh? I still remember like it was yesterday," Chu Kuangren said with nostalgia. He, too, had created an empire a long time ago.

He was the one who led the human race from a tribal era into a modernized one, eventually creating the first empire the human race had ever seen.

However, they soon went to war against the gods. After his death, that empire fell apart, and the human race gradually evolved into what they are today.

"Summon Luo Shui, Chaos, and the others here."

Chu Kuangren said with a smile.

With that, Daoist Celestial Luo Shui, Chaos, and the others soon gathered, and Chu Kuangren told them about Elder Ruyan's ideas.

Everyone's eyes immediately lit up with excitement upon hearing that, and they all looked at Elder Ruyan enthusiastically.

Elder Ruyan was very shocked by this. After all, those people were the human race's forefathers in Firmament Star. Any one of them could kill her a hundred times over if they wished. As such, she started feeling embarrassed and anxious for being stared at by everyone.

"Sister Ruyan, right?"

The Transcendental Daoist Celestial chuckled.

"You flatter me too much." Elder Ruyan got a bit frightened. 'Oh, wow... They're referring to me as their peers, for heaven's sake...'

The fact that she, someone who was not even an Emperor, was being addressed as a peer by a Daoist Celestial was simply incredible..

Chapter 820: Refining the Divine Fragment, Late-Stage Minor Daoist Celestial, Advanced Warship Blueprints

Looking at Elder Ruyan, who was a little frightened, the Transcendental Daoist Celestial tried to speak in a softer tone. "Sister Ruyan, I believe your idea is very impressive. Do you mind elaborating it further for us?"

‘Does this mean he wants me to explain to him?’

Elder Ruyan was a little nervous about what to do.

What if her explanation was not good? What if he was unsatisfied by her explanation?

Chu Kuangren spoke to her telepathically from behind. “Elder Ruyan, keep your head up and speak your mind. Don’t forget. Your Sect Leader is still holding the fort here.”

Upon hearing this, Elder Ruyan started to feel more confident.

Then, she told them her ideas and opinions.

Although she was stuttering and stumbling in her words at the start, her explanation got smoother the more she spoke. All of her ideas gradually flowed out like water from a floodgate.

The Daoist Celestials’ eyes lit up as they listened.

“Sister Ruyan, your ideas are simply amazing.”

“That’s right. If we carry out Elder Ruyan’s plan accordingly, Firmament Star’s forces will eventually unite. This will certainly help us tremendously to progress into an interstellar civilization.”

The Daoist Celestials said happily.

Elder Ruyan was relieved to see the Daoist Celestials’ reactions. Although they had lived way longer than her, it seemed that they were still lacking knowledge in this area compared to her.

She suddenly became delighted.

It turned out that she could still be of some help to her Sect Leader after all.

She had been worrying about this for the past few days because Chu Kuangren was now no longer just the Black Heaven Sect Leader.

He had become the king of the human race.

As such, his attention on the Black Heaven Sect would surely decrease. Besides, seeing that he now had a group of capable Daoist Celestials by his side, she feared that she would appear too inferior compared to them. After all, she was not even an Emperor.

Furthermore, she was neither as talented as the other cultivators nor possessed any uniquely powerful Daoist Physiques or techniques of the sort. Hence, it would take time for her to catch up to Chu Kuangren’s level.

She worried that she would become more and more distant from her Sect Leader because of that.

At that thought, she felt very sad.

However, she did not think that way anymore.

Although there were plenty of powerful cultivators around her Sect Leader, these people would usually be busy with their cultivation. Hence, their handling of internal affairs was not as good as hers.

It turned out she was quite useful to her.

Seeing the Daoist Celestials who were discussing the things she mentioned, Elder Ruyan realized that her throat had dried up from all the talking just now. She was about to get up to have a drink.

At that moment, a cup of tea suddenly floated towards her.

It was from Chu Kuangren.

“Thanks for all your hard work, Elder Ruyan.”

“Thanks, Sect Leader.” Elder Ruyan received that cup of tea.

“Elder Ruyan, I’m giving you full authority to deal with the matters of establishing a new empire. If you need any help, please don’t hesitate to bring it up to me.” Chu Kuangren smiled.

“Huh? You want me to handle something so important?”

“Weren’t you the one who proposed this in the first place, Elder Ruyan? So, of course, you’ll have to be the one to see it through,” Chu Kuangren said and chuckled.

Elder Ruyan was a little hesitant.

Beside her, Daoist Celestial Luo Shui also chuckled and said, “Our King is right. We’re not that good at dealing with things like that, so we’ll be looking forward to working with you, Elder Ruyan.”

“That’s right. Since our King has already given the green light, you can just relax and carry out your plan, Sister Ruyan. If anyone dares to stand in your way, just let us know.”

“Ha! Let’s see who has the gall to stop us from building an empire.”

A few of the most powerful Daoist Celestials said.

Elder Ruyan nodded her head seriously. “Alright.”

That was how Elder Ruyan, a cultivator who was not even an Emperor, became someone with the highest authority in the whole Firmament Star, second only to Chu Kuangren.

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Chu Kuangren had left the matter of building an empire to Elder Ruyan and the others.

Hence, he returned to the Towering Heaven Palace, preparing to enter closed-door meditation.

“Although we’ll soon unite all the forces in Firmament Star, we still need an absolute form of power if our civilization is to stand proudly in the universe. A civilization without Immortals won’t go far.”

“My most important goal now is to become an Immortal!”

Chu Kuangren mumbled.

He then took out a rhombus-shaped crystal. It was a piece of divine fragment.

It belonged to the King of Gods.

Inside that divine fragment contained a tremendous amount of energy. However, besides the King of God's power, a part of the Godly Mountain Source was also inside it.

Any ordinary cultivator would never be able to refine such an amount of energy.

However, since Chu Kuangren possessed the Universal Cauldron Physique, he could do it!

With that, he started to refine the divine fragment.

Time flew by, and almost six months had passed.

On this very day.

Chu Kuangren woke up from his closed-door meditation.

He had completely refined the energy inside the divine fragment. Now, his cultivation level had progressed from a new Minor Daoist Celestial all the way to a late-stage Minor Daoist Celestial.

Nevertheless, that was only his cultivation level.

It could not be used as a metric for measuring his combat strength.

With his Prominent-grade Emperor's Core, Prominent-quality Dao, and Prominent-grade Esoteric Art, his combat strength was already on par with those of a level above him.

Not to mention, he had his Heavenly Dao power, mind power, Immortal Techniques, Immortal Body, and many more trump cards up his sleeve. He could even fight a Great Daoist Celestial head-on.

It might not even be a problem for him to win against a normal Great Daoist Celestial.

"I wonder how far Elder Ruyan and the others have progressed."

Chu Kuangren mobilized his Emperor Thoughts to cover the entire Black Heaven Sect.

He could see Lan Yu cultivating her techniques.

Murong Xuan and Nangong Huang were sparring with each other.

Lil Red, the Godly Phoenix, was sneakily eating a few spirit fruits in the Clear Winter Valley.

Honorable Xuan Qi was playing chess with the Third Forefather, and he seemed like he was on the losing end. Meanwhile, the Seventh Forefather was watching their match, bouncing up and down anxiously since he could not help either side.

Somehow, the White-Robed General had sought out the Innate Ferocious Daoist Celestial, trying to get some pointers about the mysteries of the Infallible Tormented Physique...

Everywhere his Emperor Thoughts went, he saw everything happening all around the Black Heaven Sect from his mind.

A few moments later.

He found Elder Ruyan. She was with Gu Linglong at that time, with the map of the Firmament Star in front of them.

The both of them were discussing building an empire.

They even tried simulating their ideas using the sand table beside them when they reached an important point. It was clear that the two of them were more attentive in dealing with this matter than Chu Kuangren.

“Linglong used to be the Royal Azure Dynasty’s queen, so she has experience in managing a country. It seems like she’s the right person to work together with Elder Ruyan in this case,” Chu Kuangren thought.

After that, he opened the Fantasy Roulette.

“Congratulations, Host. You have received a Legendary-grade item – Advanced Warship Blueprint.”

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It was a blueprint for constructing a warship.

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Chu Kuangren retrieved that item with a pondering look in his eyes. “This came at just the right time.”

If the human race were to progress into space, other than relying on powerful cultivators, having various cultivation methods was also essential.

Pill refining, weaponsmithing, runes, formations, and more.

Among them, one thing stood out as the most important, and that was the method of transportation in space — a warship that could be used for prolonged combat.

The manufacturing of such warships was very complicated as it involved a range of formations, runes, and other techniques. The level of technology present in a warship was usually a sign of how advanced and highly developed a civilization was.

Chu Kuangren took a look at the warship blueprints he got. The formations and runes inscribed on it were far beyond the level of the Firmament Star’s most advanced warships. It was even more high-tech than the Blood Origin Star’s warships.

“I’ll bring this to the Crimson Sun Daoist Celestial and Formation Daoist Celestial for them to study this properly,” Chu Kuangren thought.

His figure disappeared in a flash before arriving on an asteroid in the Extraterritorial Region the next moment.

With his current strength, he could pass through the Detaching Heaven Megaformation at will without the help of the teleportation camps.

After finding the Crimson Sun Daoist Celestial, Chu Kuangren took out the warship blueprints and showed them. When the Crimson Sun Daoist Celestial saw it, he looked as if he had just found a great treasure.

“This is amazing. It’s simply amazing. If we had warships of this caliber back then, our battle with the Blood Tribe wouldn’t have been that hard-fought. Where did you get this blueprint from, my King?”

"I got it somewhere by luck." Chu Kuangren chuckled.

The Crimson Sun Daoist Celestial did not question him more and quickly called the Formation Daoist Celestial, an elderly man with a long beard. The two of them then started to study that blueprint together.

Chu Kuangren did not disturb them, and after briefing them about a few matters, he did not return to the Firmament Star right away either. Instead, he wandered about in space.

"It's been a while since I've upgraded my Stellar Undying Body.. Let's find a planet to devour then," Chu Kuangren thought.