

## Chaotic 1011

### Chapter 1011: Rui Jin Arrives

Jian Chen carefully controlled the emperor's power as it floated above his hand. He arrived before Kaiser in a flash and struck Kaiser's head resolutely.

A gleam of light flashed through the path lord of carnal desires, who was standing to one side. He stared in interest at the drop of emperor's power in Jian Chen's hand, and his expression changed slightly. He cried out inside, "It's an emperor's power. I never thought Jian Chen would actually possess some emperor's power. It's teeming with water-attributed energy, so it must have come from a Saint Emperor of the sea realm."

"The power is enough to threaten Saint Emperors. The Baleful Yin Force has injured Kaiser's soul. From the looks of his expression, he's in so much pain that he would rather be off dead. He can't bother with what's going around him at all. I wonder if this emperor's power can heavily injure him or not." The light inside the path lord's eyes immediately began to flicker as he thought up to there. A gleam of extremely hidden but sharp light flickered through his eyes from time to time.

Houston had also noticed the emperor's power in Jian Chen's hand. When he saw that Jian Chen was about to push it into Kaiser's head, his eyes immediately lit up. He felt a sliver of anticipation.

Hei Yu who was locked in combat with Lankyros, naturally discovered the emperor's power in Jian Chen's hand. He could not help but sneer when he saw Jian Chen's actions.

Bang! With the emperor's power in hand, Jian Chen finally slapped it forcefully into the back of Kaiser's head. It produced a bang and immediately, a terrifying ripple of residual energy burst out and flung Jian Chen far away.

Jian Chen was thrown backward and only stabilized himself after he flew several thousand kilometers. His right hand that had carried the emperor's power also began to tremble uncontrollably, while his complexion became extremely ugly. There was some disbelief present on his face as well.

When he had stuck Kaiser's head just then, Jian Chen felt like he had struck a tough steel board. Not only did it fail to turn Kaiser's head into pieces as he had expected, it even failed to heavily injure him.

"The emperor's power actually failed to pierce Kaiser's skull. All it has done is blow away his skin. Isn't his head just a little too tough?" Jian Chen thought. He could feel that the emperor's power had caused minimal damage to Kaiser. The toughness of Kaiser's body had far exceeded his expectation.

"I never thought that Kaiser's body would be so terrifying. He sure is worthy of being a species that borderlines dragons. If it were not for the fact that I had some advantage in soul attacks when I had fought him before, I probably would not have been his opponent," thought the path lord of carnal desires. He was also surprised, as he watched from afar.

"Argh! You impudent brat! To actually make a sneak attack on me! I'm ripping you into pieces today no matter what!" Kaiser roared angrily. Although the emperor's power did not threaten him at all, it reduced him to an even more horrible state. With Kaiser's level of pride, how could he endure being forced into such a state by a human junior that was both weaker than him in strength and status?

It was basically a great humiliation to him.

Suddenly, Kaiser's gaze became extremely terrifying. His face twisted viciously and became like a demon that had climbed out from hell. Just a glance at him was enough to make people shiver. Kaiser poured everything he had into suppressing the great pain in his soul, as he glared coldly at Jian Chen. He seemed to be tempted to devour Jian Chen alive.

Suddenly, Kaiser disappeared. When he reappeared, he had already arrived before Jian Chen. One of his hands had completely turned into a dragon claw, as he swung it mercilessly at Jian Chen's head. At the same time, he froze the space around Jian Chen once more. This limited Jian Chen's movements and prevented him from using the saint artifact to block the attack.

Jian Chen's eyes narrowed abruptly. Kaiser's claw constantly grew larger and closer in his eyes, but he was trapped and immobilized. He could only helplessly watch on, as it rapidly approached.

Suddenly, the space to their side split open in this moment of life and death. A sword that radiated with a blinding golden light and a terrifying sword Qi suddenly materialized. Then, it shot toward Kaiser's claw with lightning speed.

Clang!

As the sword collided with the dragon claw, the sound of an earth-shaking metallic collision erupted. The sword was knocked away, but it also derailed Kaiser's claw. A tiny wound appeared on the claw and bright-red blood began to flow from it.

This was the blood of a Saint Emperor. Although it was only a tiny amount, it was incredibly eye-catching. Moreover, the terrifying amount of energy hidden inside could be clearly felt.

Kaiser immediately became shocked when Rui Jin injured his claw, because it was the toughest part of his body. Even Saint Emperors would fail to injure his claws.

"It's a weapon that possesses origin energy. The Sacred Dragon's Sword!" Kaiser muttered hoarsely as he stared at the shining sword.

A Space Gate quickly formed. Rui Jin in golden armor stepped out with Hong Lian, who wore a crimson dress.

Rui Jin made a gesture with his hand, and the Sacred Dragon's Sword flew over from afar as a streak of light. Then, it landed obediently in Rui Jin's hand. Rui Jin wielded the sword as he looked expressionlessly at Kaiser. He growled, "I never thought I'd see you, mutated earthwyrms, so soon. What do you really want to go against me?"

Kaiser stared viciously at Rui Jin and gnashed his teeth and said, "You again. It's actually you again who's messing with what I'm doing. You may be a king of the Dragon clan, but the Dragon clan no longer exists now. It's best if you don't get in my way, or I'll kill you as well believe it or not."

"Mutated earthwyrms, do you really think that you can kill me?" Rui Jin said with a deep voice. His face was extremely dark. The fact that a mere mutated earthwyrms dared to threaten him—a dragon king—made Rui Jin extremely furious.

Kaiser no longer bothered to talk with Rui Jin. Instead, he turned to the path lord of carnal desires and called out, "Human Saint Emperor, it's about time."

A gleam of light flickered through the path lord's eyes. He said nothing and directly took a step forward. He crossed more than ten kilometers to arrive before Rui Jin.

Rui Jin's face sank when he saw the path lord. He growled, "Human Saint Emperor, I never thought you'd actually be working that mutated earthworm to harm the genius of your race."

"You talk too much," the path lord said indifferently. He grabbed at the empty space; the energy of the world began to condense quickly, which he used to strike Rui Jin. At the same time, he uttered gently, "Since you have a treasure that can protect you against my attacks of the seven emotions and six desires, I'll abandon them and completely use the abilities of a Saint Emperor to fight you."

#### Chapter 1012: Hong Lian Injured

The Sacred Dragon's Sword danced with his arms, as he wielded it. It immediately stabbed out toward the path lord of carnal desires with a terrifying presence, and the sword radiated brightly with golden light.

Boom!

The sword collided violently with the surging energy from the path lord of carnal desires in mid-air and immediately produced a deafening sound. Terrifying residual energy swept out, which caused the mountains below to collapse one after the other. The entire Cross Mountains turned into a mess, where a large number of weaker magical beasts died due to the collision between Rui Jin and the path lord's attacks.

Their clash also shattered the frozen space around Jian Chen. As soon as Jian Chen regained his mobility, he had to face the residual energy. The energy knocked him away like a kite with a broken string.

"Let's fight in outer space, or the life on this continent will suffer," the path lord said. With that, he shot into the sky and headed directly for outer space.

Rui Jin turned to Hong Lian and growled, "The human Saint Emperor's attacks of seven emotions and six desires target the soul. They can affect a person's mind unknowingly. You still haven't fully refined that protective bead, so only I can keep him busy. You stay here and protect Jian Chen."

Hong Lian nodded sternly. White flames radiated from her body and enveloped her completely.

Immediately, the terrifying heat spread into the surroundings and caused the temperature to skyrocket. It reached a terrifying level very quickly, as if even the air was burning.

Through the white flames, one could vaguely see that Hong Lian had already equipped the feathermail completely made out of plumage. It was a legacy treasure of her Divine Phoenix clan, the Ninerefined Godfire Feathermail. The strengthening of origin energy had increased the defense of the treasure. It could withstand attacks from Saint Emperors and not suffer any damage.

Hong Lian was only a Saint King at Great Perfection—it could be said that someone with this level of strength could not even flee before a Saint Emperor. However, she could contend with Saint Emperors as she possessed the offensive and defensive treasures of her clan.

“Origin energy. It’s actually origin energy again,” said Kaiser with his deep voice, as he stared at the Hong Lian wrapped in white flames in interest. The muscles on his face constantly twitched and twisted, perhaps due to the fact that he had to suppress the pain of his soul with everything he had. He seemed extremely vicious.

Kaiser looked at Hong Lian as the light in his eyes flickered. He growled, “Little phoenix, I won’t make it hard for you considering that you’re a magical beast as well. It’s best if you don’t interfere with my matters.” With that, Kaiser tried to travel around Hong Lian in the form of a flash, as he attempted to chase Jian Chen.

However, the white flames around Hong Lian suddenly began to churn violently just as Kaiser passed by her. It turned into a huge white phoenix in that instant, which swallowed Kaiser in roaring flames.

“Little phoenix, don’t blame me for not going easy on you since you have no idea what’s good for you. Tyrant Dragon’s Punch!” Kaiser called out angrily from within the white flames.

With a great boom, Kaiser destroyed the phoenix condensed from the white flames with a single punch. The phoenix immediately collapsed and turned into a cloud of fire in the sky. The terrifying temperature caused the space to twist.

Hong Lian floated sternly in the sky. Her crimson hair danced in the wild wind. Suddenly, she opened her arms and cried out, “White Cleansing Flames, return!”

A mysterious force seemed to lead away the white flames after Kaiser scattered them with his punch. The flames gathered toward Hong Lian from all directions.

“Blazing the void, a refinement of flames!” Hong Lian called out. She quickly compressed all the white flames in her surrounding into a fist-sized ball. Then, it exploded loudly and rapidly expanded in all directions. It formed a ball of flames ten kilometers across in the end.

White flames filled the entire ball. It was like a sea of flames, and it was so hot that it seemed to be able to scorch anything and everything.

Kaiser stood proudly in the sea of flames. A powerful layer of energy had condensed around him to protect himself from the flames. Although the white fire was terrifying, it clearly posed no threat to Kaiser as a Saint Emperor.

Hong Lian also appeared in the sea of flames. The crimson feathermail was eye-catching in the space of white flames.

“Little phoenix, you’re not my opponent. If you’re sensible, then back off quickly,” Kaiser said coldly as he eyed Hong Lian. The origin energy feathermail protected her, so he could not harm her at all. As a result, Kaiser did not want to bother with Hong Lian anymore.

“The refinement of flames may not be able to harm you, but it can exhaust your energy unceasingly,” Hong Lian said calmly. She slowly raised her hand as a flame-red hairpin appeared bit by bit. Immediately, a mysterious and powerful energy began to radiate from it.

“Origin energy again. God dammit, why do you people all have so many items with origin energy.” Kaiser’s expression changed slightly.

Swish! The hairpin in Hong Lian's hand shot toward Kaiser as a flash.

Kaiser bellowed out, and his right hand became a powerful dragon's claw in that moment. He swung it toward the hairpin.

Ding! With a metallic ring, Kaiser's claw actually knocked the hairpin away, while he remained unscathed.

Kaiser's eyes lit up. He thought, "This item with origin energy is far weaker than the Sacred Dragon's Sword of the Dragon clan."

Excitement sprouted within Kaiser. His fear of Hong Lian had already decreased significantly. He charged toward Hong Lian, as his right hand swept toward her in the form of a dragon's claw.

Hong Lian could not dodge the attack at all with her strength as a Saint King at Great Perfection, so the claw struck her feathermail heavily.

The feathermail sustained no damage, but a powerful force traveled through its defense and entered Hong Lian's body.

Spurt! Hong Lian paled, and a mouthful of blood sprayed out. The blow knocked her entire body backward.

"Hahahahaha, I never thought that your legacy treasure would be far weaker than the two others. I'd like to see how you fight against me now," said Kaiser, as he laughed aloud.

Hong Lian became even sterner. She had just obtained the feathermail, and as time was too tight, she had failed to completely refine the defensive treasure before she hurried over. This prevented her from using the maximum power of the two treasures.

#### Chapter 1013: Strength that Surpasses Saint Emperor (One)

Hong Lian gritted her teeth when she heard Kaiser's arrogant words. Her eyes became filled with determination. Jian Chen was a stranger to her, but she needed to protect him no matter what. She needed to this in order to see her clansmen that had disappeared. She was even willing to accept an outcome of being heavily injured.

The Scorching Godfire Hairpin that Kaiser had knocked away returned to her hand under her control. Her hands constantly danced about before her; she formed complicated hand seals one after another in a blur. At the same time, she called out, "Flaming Comet!"

The hairpin immediately burst into roaring flames, and it rapidly expanded from its original size of a palm's width. It became ten meters long in the blink of an eye, as the flames roared on its surface.

Whoosh! The huge hairpin transformed into a streak of red light, as it flew toward Kaiser with terrifying ripples of energy. Its speed was unbelievable.

"Little phoenix, you're not my opponent. Do not take other people's kindness for granted," Kaiser called out. Suddenly, his right arm struck out again in the form of a dragon's claw, and he knocked away the hairpin once more. Afterward, he no longer bothered with Hong Lian and went straight for Jian Chen.

Jian Chen had already disappeared from his field of vision and was now very far away from the Cross Mountains. He rapidly drew closer to Mercenary City, yet Kaiser could still precisely sense his location. He thought, "I can't let Jian Chen reach Mercenary City no matter what, or it'll be troublesome."

"Your opponent is me. If you want to deal with Jian Chen, get through me first." Hong Lian said coldly. She controlled the hairpin to attack Kaiser time and time again in order to obstruct him.

Although the hairpin possessed origin energy, Hong Lian had yet to refine it completely. As such, she could not use all of its power. This was why she could not pose too great of a threat to Kaiser and was only able to keep him busy and prevent him from reaching Jian Chen.

Intense fury surged inside Kaiser after Hong Lian blocked him time after time. He called out, "Since you have no idea what would be most beneficial for you, let me wipe out your soul first!" Tremendous energy coiled around Kaiser's claw, and he directly knocked the hairpin away with a single strike. Afterward, he reappeared several thousand meters away in front of Hong Lian with a slight movement and viciously clawed toward her chest.

Screech! As his sharp claws scraped across feathermail, an ear-piercing sound rang out. Although his attack could not destroy the armor, Hong Lian could not resist the attack, as she had not fully refined the feathermail. A great force immediately passed through the feathermail's defense and into Hong Lian.

Spurt! Hong Lian vomited another mouthful of blood and Kaiser dispersed the roaring flames around her.

Killing intent flooded Kaiser's eyes, and he chased up to Hong Lian. He formed a fist with his claws and bellowed, "Tyrant Dragon's Punch!"

Bang!

Kaiser's devastating fist landed on Hong Lian, which immediately caused her to vomit blood yet again. Her face paled, while her feathermail almost fell off her body.

"Tyrant Dragon's Punch! Tyrant Dragon's Punch! Tyrant Dragon's Punch!"

Kaiser pursued Hong Lian, as he rained her with attacks. Eight punches landed on Hong Lian, and the power was so great that even the sky shook.

After Kaiser struck her with a rain of fierce attacks, Hong Lian's became presence extremely weak. Her eyes were now closed, and she was now taking her last gasps of air. She seemed to be almost dead.

However, at this moment, a crimson flame shot out from within Hong Lian and enveloped her body completely as it blazed.

A clear phoenix's cry rang out from within the flames as they constantly churned. The image of a divine phoenix with its head up, as it called at the sky appeared behind. It seemed extraordinary.

"This is the innate ability of the Divine Phoenix clan! Rebirth of Fire!" Kaiser became ugly when he saw this. The reason he was unwilling to deal with Hong Lian before was because of this innate ability present within the members of the Divine Phoenix clan. They could immediately return to their peak

condition through a baptism of flames when they died, which made them extremely hard to kill and almost immortal.

The crimson flames dispersed very quickly and revealed the elegant Hong Lian. A tremendous presence radiated from her, and it was much more powerful than before.

All of Hong Lian's injuries had been healed after she underwent rebirth. She had returned to her peak condition, and her strength had even increased.

The innate ability of the Divine Phoenixes could be used a total of nine times. The user would grow stronger after each use and after all nine times, their strength would have increased by several folds. However, the increase was only temporary, so it was impossible to stay like that permanently.

"You can't kill me," said Hong Lian calmly, as she nonchalantly looked at Kaiser.

A sharp light flickered in Kaiser's eyes. He sneered, "If you were a Class 9 phoenix, even one that has just broken through to Class 9, I would not be your opponent with your innate ability. But it's a pity that you're only Class 8. You're not my opponent even if you undergo the ninth rebirth." With that, Kaiser charged toward Hong Lian. He struck out as hard as he could and heavily injured her once again and made her undergo a second rebirth.

"I'll kill you every time you rebirth," said Kaiser with gnashed teeth. He killed Hong Lian once more with his strength as a Saint Emperor.

Hong Lian's gaze remained extremely calm throughout. Her strength would increase a little with every rebirth. Soon, she had entered the third rebirth.

Suddenly, an uncomfortable thought appeared in Kaiser when he noticed Hong Lian's calm gaze. He thought, "It's said that the rebirth of the Divine Phoenix clan can be used nine times. Will she be dead after those nine times or what..."

"I can't mess with you any longer!" thought Kaiser, as a light flickered through his eyes. He made up his mind. He struck out a few times with full power to heavily injure Hong Lian, who had rebirthed three times. Then, he no longer stayed put. He fused with the surrounding space and turned into a blur as he traveled in the direction that Jian Chen had disappeared off to. He vanished in the blink of an eye.

Hong Lian was still undergoing the process of her fourth rebirth, so she could not obstruct him at all. She could no longer see Kaiser after she had completed the process.

Hong Lian's expression changed slightly and without any hesitation, she turned into a red streak of light in pursuit.

Houston currently carried Jian Chen. Houston was a Saint King at Great Perfection, so his comprehension of the laws of space was far beyond Jian Chen's. As a result, he moved extremely quickly and covered several tens of thousand kilometers with Jian Chen in that short amount of time. They grew nearer and nearer to Mercenary City.

"Jian Chen, you can't escape," Kaiser roared out angrily from behind. He was catching up with a speed several times faster than Houston.

“Crap!” Houston’s expression changed and darkness-attributed Saint Force poured out from his body. His speed immediately skyrocketed, as he traveled with a secret technique.

However, he was still slower than Kaiser. Kaiser caught up very soon, and he directly stabbed his claws at Jian Chen’s back.

However, a white streak of light shot over with unbelievable speed at this very moment. It shot past Jian Chen’s side and struck Kaiser’s claws with great precision.

“Argh!” Immediately, Kaiser shrieked out. His claws that were strong enough to repel the Sacred Dragon’s Sword was as weak as tofu before the streak of white light. It shot through his claws and bore a hole.

“Origin energy. It’s actually origin energy. This is strength that surpasses Saint Emperor.” Kaiser became absolutely terrified.

#### Chapter 1014: Strength that Surpasses Saint Emperor (Two)

“Origin energy. It’s actually origin energy. This is strength that surpasses Saint Emperor.” Kaiser became absolutely terrified. He felt life-threatening danger for the first time in quite a while from that ordinary-looking streak of white light.

Kaiser no longer bothered with Jian Chen, who was only inches away. He also seemed to forget the intense pain from his arm. He looked in the direction where the white light had shot over with an extremely stern expression. Dread filled his eyes.

Although he was so powerful that he even placed among the strongest within Saint Emperors, Kaiser knew that he was no stronger than a kid before an expert that had surpassed Saint Emperor.

This was because they would be an expert of a completely different realm. The power they used would not be the Saint Force that ordinary people used, but the origin energy that was on a higher level.

“May I ask which expert is attacking me from the shadows? Can you please show yourself?” growled Kaiser. He suppressed the shock within him and looked around cautiously. At the same time, a layer of ink-black scales appeared on his body. It covered every inch of his skin, and even his body began to bulge at a visible rate. He very quickly became a ten-meter-tall monster. He maintained a human head, but his limbs had already turned into sharp claws, while thirteen jagged spikes protruded from his back. Each spike was around three meters in length and they glistened with cold light.

Kaiser had become half human, half dragon. This was his most powerful state.

Jian Chen and Houston both forgot to flee. They hung in the air in shock as Kaiser’s words ‘surpasses Saint Emperor’ constantly boomed through their heads. Their hearts churned, and they were no longer able to stay calm.

“Bad! You’re a bad person! You bullied Xiao Ling’s big brother, making him like this. Xiao Ling will definitely teach you a solid lesson for big brother.” At this moment, an immature girl’s voice suddenly rang out. A white-dressed girl with two pigtails, who seemed like she was eleven or twelve years old, silently appeared beside Jian Chen. She faced Kaiser angrily.

This was the first time Xiao Ling had appeared without hiding herself, so Kaiser and Houston immediately noticed her. However, they both became stunned at the same time when they noticed it was such a young girl, but they returned to their senses very quickly. Deep shock and disbelief immediately flooded their hearts, as they did not sense when she had appeared even with their strength.

“Xiao Ling, it’s you. You’ve actually left Mercenary City.” Jian Chen stared at Xiao Ling in surprise. He immediately understood she was that the expert that had surpassed Saint Emperor and had attacked Kaiser earlier.

Xiao Ling’s anger immediately subsided substantially when she heard Jian Chen’s voice. She turned around and looked at him in concern. “Big brother, Xiao Ling can’t just watch you being bullied by this big bad person. If Xiao Ling did nothing, that big bad person would have killed big brother. Master forbid Xiao Ling from leaving the city all those years ago, but to save big brother, Xiao Ling will stop caring for master.”

Kaiser heard every single word from Xiao Ling. A gleam of light immediately flashed across his eyes, and he looked toward her in doubt. He cried out, “Are you the barrier spirit of Mercenary City?”

“I never thought that the barrier spirit would leave the protective barrier. Looks like the rumors aren’t completely true,” Houston also cried out when he saw the child-like Xiao Ling.

In truth, Xiao Ling was a spirit that the earth gave birth to. She was and not some spirit of the barrier. She could just control the power of the barrier in Mercenary City.

Years ago, the city lord Mo Tianyun had tasked her with protecting and suppressing the seal underneath the city, so she had never left there even after so many years. This was why people misjudged her as a spirit that was born from the barrier. They assumed that she was connected to the barrier and could never leave Mercenary City.

Xiao Ling’s expression changed when she heard Kaiser’s voice. She glared at Kaiser with her naive eyes and said angrily, “You bad person. You just bullied big brother. Xiao Ling will teach you a good lesson for big brother.” As she spoke, Xiao Ling casually swung her hand and a streak of white light suddenly appeared. It shot toward Kaiser with lightning speed.

This was the origin energy that only those who had surpassed Saint Emperor could control. It did not have any earth-shaking presence or aura when it shot from Xiao Ling’s hands, nor did it have any terrifying ripples of energy. Only a mysterious and profound presence circulated within it.

Origin energy was a completely new power. It surpassed the understandings of the people from the Tian Yuan Continent. They could not sense its power and terror from how it looked like.

Although it was only a careless wave of her hand, the attack from Xiao Ling made Kaiser feel like he could not avoid it no matter what action he took. As such, he forcefully received the attack head-on.

Kaiser’s powerful body became as weak as tofu before the origin energy. The origin energy directly disintegrated his scales upon contact and turned him into a bloody mess.

“Argh!” Kaiser shrieked in agony. The injury from the origin energy was nowhere as simple as it seemed. The pain was so great that even a Saint Emperor like him could not bear with.

“Is this origin energy?” thought Jian Chen as curiosity flooded his eyes. He had watched the white light strike Kaiser. He could clearly feel a mysterious yet profound presence from it.

“There’s clearly some different between the origin energy from Xiao Ling and the weapons and armor with Rui Jin and the others. I can feel that Xiao Ling’s origin energy is most pure, without any impurities. Meanwhile, the origin energy on Rui Jin and the others’ items also possess a great power that originates from this world,” Jian Chen thought.

“Origin energy. This is origin energy. What pure origin energy.”

At the same time, the path lord of carnal desires, Lankyros, Hei Yu, and Rui Jin also sensed the appearance of the power. They immediately became shocked and stopped fighting. Then, they shot toward Xiao Ling’s location like lightning bolts.

#### Chapter 1015: The Seal Loosens

Kaiser painfully clutched the wound on him in half human, half dragon form. He could feel the flesh around the area that the origin energy struck disappear at a visible rate, which caused the wound to rapidly enlarge. The agonizing pain tortured his nerves time and time again and caused all his muscles to convulse.

The origin energy seemed simple and possessed no earth-shaking presence, but its power was indescribably terrifying. The energy seemed to be able to eat away everything once struck, able to turn everything to dust.

Jian Chen and Houston stared blankly as the wound rapidly increased in size. Their hearts churned, as they witnessed the power of the origin energy. They had never imagined that a powerful Saint Emperor would be so weak before origin energy.

“Argh!” Suddenly, Kaiser roared out angrily. A tremendous energy surged out unceasingly from his body like a flood. In this moment, Kaiser was using everything he had to stop the residual origin energy within him; he wanted to nullify it.

The disturbance from a Saint Emperor using everything they had would be doubtlessly earth-shaking. Before the supreme power, all the space in a radius of several hundred meters began to twist constantly as black spatial cracks formed everywhere. Moreover, the ground below Kaiser rapidly sank. The powerful energy forcefully pressed it down.

The surroundings were dark. Kaiser’s power was enough to cause the world to lose its color, while the energy of the world and World Force in the surrounding hundreds of kilometers was affected as well. It became violent, no longer as peaceful as its normal state.

All the experts of protector clans in their independent spaces scattered across the continent stepped out. They sternly looked in the direction of Kaiser.

The eyes of the person with the greatest seniority of the Zu faction in the Changyang clan—Changyang Zu Xiao—lit up and glowed like torches. He fixedly gazed into the distance and growled, “Only Saint Emperors can cause such a vast disturbance. The Saint Emperors of the Beast God Continent have trespassed our continent once again.”

“Saint Emperors are now invincible existences in the world. Even with the two continents in perspective, there are only four Saint Emperors, yet the magical beast Saint Emperor clearly is using his full strength to make such a disturbance. That’s weird. Who’s so powerful that forced the Saint Emperor into such a state?” said a great elder in thought from beside Changyang Zu Xiao. Shock filled his face.

“The Saint Emperor of the magical beasts must have come to the Tian Yuan Continent for the Winged Tiger God. The Winged Tiger God is with Jian Chen, while Jian Chen has the protection from the two experts with the origin energy items. Have they begun fighting with the Saint Emperor?”

“It doesn’t matter what’s happening. Since they’ve begun fighting on our Tian Yuan Continent, we can’t just stand by. Let’s go see first,” Changyang Qing Yun said with a deep voice. Afterward, he casually waved his hand, and the space before him immediately ripped open. He wanted to construct a Space Gate.

However, the ripped space trembled violently, before it slowly closed up once more. He had failed to create a Space Gate.

Changyang Qing Yun furrowed his brows, “Their fight is too intense. It has broken the balance of space. I actually can’t construct a Space Gate.”

“Let’s designate a Space Gate several tens of thousands of kilometers away from them since we can’t set up one right there. We’ll fly over afterward,” suggested a great elder.

Afterward, the great elders all left through the new Space Gate. They did exactly as one of them suggested and arrived a distance from Jian Chen’s location. Then, they flew over.

At the same time, the nine other protector clans, a few ancestors of ancient clans, and some Saint Kings of various other organizations hurried in the direction that the battle had erupted.

Kaiser raised all the energy within him to contend against the origin energy, but he could not stop its havoc. In the end, his wounds only stopped worsening after the origin energy was completely consumed, as it did not have a constant force.

Currently, Kaiser’s face was moist with sweat, and he was in a horrible shape. He was no longer as awe-inspiring as before. A half-meter-wide hole stood out like a sore thumb in his ten-meter-tall, dragon-like body. It was chilling.

Four tremendous presences flew over like streaks of lightning from afar. Simultaneously, Hei Yu, Rui Jin, Hong Lian, and the tiger emperor arrived from the same direction. The tiger emperor stood beside Kaiser while Hei Yu, Rui Jin, and Hong Lian immediately stood before Jian Chen. They all stared at the hole in Kaiser’s body with shock.

“I felt a pure origin energy before. Kaiser, who made you injured like this?” Lankyros growled.

Still badly shaken, Kaiser stared at Xiao Ling and said, “It’s that girl. I never thought that she’s actually the barrier spirit of Mercenary City.”

“What! She’s the barrier spirit of Mercenary City!?” Lankyros cried out uncontrollably in his surprise, and he immediately looked toward Xiao Ling.

Lankyros immediately became intrigued when he discovered that Xiao Ling only seemed to be a young girl. He had only read about the barrier spirit of Mercenary City in some ancient records stored within the Beast God Hall, which previous magical beasts left behind. This was the first time the barrier spirit revealed its true form. He just never thought that the barrier spirit would be a young girl.

“Didn’t the records say that the barrier spirit cannot leave Mercenary City? How has she left Mercenary City right now?” Lankyros cried out with his deep voice. Doubt filled him.

Rui Jin, Hei Yu, and Hong Lian all stared unblinkingly at Xiao Ling. They all felt shocked when they thought about the purity of the origin energy that had come from the small girl. They all knew that only those beyond Saint Emperor could control this power. The young girl before them had actually surpassed Saint Emperor.

Xiao Ling paid no attention to everyone’s shocked gazes. She stared angrily at Lankyros and Kaiser. “You both bullied big brother. You’re all bad. Xiao Ling must teach you a difficult lesson for big brother.” Xiao Ling swung her hand once more with that and shot two strands of origin energy toward them.

The expressions of the two Saint Emperors changed drastically when they faced this seemingly ordinary origin energy. However, a feeling of being unable to dodge appeared in both their heads, as if the origin energy had locked tightly onto their presences. It was to the point where they would be struck no matter where they ran off to.

“Since I can’t dodge it, I’ll face it head-on!” Similar thoughts flashed through their heads. They gritted their teeth and roared out at the same time. Terrifying ripples of energy began to surge from their bodies. Then, they struck the incoming origin energy as hard as they could.

However, origin energy was not something that Saint Emperors could block. It passed through their attacks like a hot knife through butter, before it directly shot through their bodies.

“Argh!” Both the tiger king and Kaiser immediately shrieked out miserably. The origin energy caused wounds that began to expand rapidly at a visible rate as their flesh and blood disappeared bit by bit.

Suddenly, Xiao Ling at a distant region of space said angrily, “Hmph, do you really think that Xiao Ling can’t see you just because you’re hiding? You’re even worse than the two of them to actually work with them and harm big brother together. Xiao Ling must teach you a hard lesson this time. It won’t be as easy as the times before.” With that, another strand of origin energy shot out from Xiao Ling’s hand, as it struck the empty space with lightning speed.

“Argh!” Immediately, another miserable cry rang out. Suddenly, the path lord of carnal desires appeared, with a fist-sized hole on his chest. The origin energy had punched a hole through him and the wound constantly expanded.

“As long as your souls are uninjured, you won’t die. Hmph, Xiao Ling will capture you all for big brother to deal with after Xiao Ling has taught you all a lesson. Big brother will be very happy,” said Xiao Ling, before she sent three more strands of origin force toward the three Saint Emperors. It added another hole to their bodies.

“Let’s go!” Lankyros roared angrily at Kaiser. A mist of blood sprayed out from his body and when it dispersed, he had disappeared.

With the tiger king gone, Kaiser and the path lord of carnal desires also used fleeing techniques. They instantly disappeared after they paid quite a heavy price.

Xiao Ling stood with her hands on her hips, as she said unhappily, "With me here, it doesn't matter where you run off to. Watch as Xiao Ling captures you three bad people." Just as Xiao Ling wanted to do something, Mercenary City violently trembled. The entire city that was several kilometers away shook violently, as if it was amidst some great earthquake. Huge cracks formed on the ground of the city.

Xiao Ling's naive, pure face changed abruptly. She cried out involuntarily, "Oh no, that's bad. A very, very scary expert is attacking the seal." Xiao Ling no longer bothered with the fleeing trio and disappeared before she had even finished speaking. She had reappeared in the depths below Mercenary City.

Hidden below Mercenary City was a huge seal. There were extremely few people who knew of its existence. For most of history, there was only Xiao Ling, other than Mo Tianyun who had cast down the seal all those years ago.

Mo Tianyun had sealed the entry to the World of Forsaken Saints there. The single seal had prevented experts of that world from reaching the Tian Yuan Continent, which created so many years of peace of the continent.

#### Chapter 1016: A Shocking Expert

An extremely special seal locked up the pathway between the World of Forsaken Saints and the Tian Yuan Continent. Streaks of arm-thick white lights formed the seal. The lights criss-crossed together and sat quietly in the ground like a spiderweb. It gave off an extremely profound presence.

The seal was actually completely composed of origin energy.

A huge, pitch-black pit existed beneath the seal. It was several thousands of meters across and completely black inside. Nothing could be seen. It was like the gates of hell and gave people a spooky, hair-raising feeling.

At this moment, the space within the pit began to violently distort. A strand of extremely powerful sword Qi broke through the layers of darkness and appeared. It struck the seal with lightning speed.

Boom! The seal immediately violently shook after the huge sword Qi struck it. Powerful ripples of residual energy shook up the underground, and even affected Mercenary City above. The entire city wildly quaked and shocked countless people inside it.

The sword Qi teemed with pure origin energy. It did not disperse immediately after it collided with the seal. Instead, it charged onward at the web-like seal like an enraged bull. It caused the seal to stretch into a cone shape.

"Sob, the layer of the seal master set down all those years ago has broken now. Only this layer remains. Sob... it's all Xiao Ling's fault. It's all because Xiao Ling didn't listen to master's orders and left Mercenary City. Otherwise, the layer wouldn't have been broken." Xiao Ling sobbed, as she appeared before the stretched seal. She was like a child who had done something wrong right now. Worry, fear, and deep regret filled her.

“The seal over there has been broken. This seal can’t break no matter what, or the city master built after so much effort will be gone. If the city is gone, master will definitely be angry,” Xiao Ling mumbled to herself, as she choked back her tears. She gently pressed against the remaining seal.

In that moment, the vast energy gathered below Mercenary City began to surge quickly and flowed unceasingly toward the seal like the violent tide. In the end, the seal consumed it all.

The seal immediately began to glow with a bright light after it absorbed the vast energy, which allowed it to constantly strengthen.

“Break!”

At the same time, a wispy voice rang out from the dark pit below the seal. It was impossible to tell whether it was male or female. The voice seemed to be filled with charm, as it resounded from beneath the ground.

The sword Qi stuck to the seal immediately exploded with a dazzling light. Strands of sword Qi powerful enough to shake the world erupted from within and attacked the seal even more violently than before. It resisted the reinforced seal and actually became stuck in a stalemate.

“Oof, what a powerful person!” Xiao Ling could not help but call out. A sliver of worry flooded her face and strands of pure origin energy began to surge out from her body. It poured into seal unceasingly to repel the terrifying sword Qi.

The seal finally broke the stalemate and suppressed the sword Qi with Xiao Ling’s support of origin energy. It slowly receded to its previous location.

“Seal Breaker!”

The wispy voice rang out in the pitch-black hole once more and a 1.2 meter long sword Qi shot through the darkness with an earth-shaking presence. It struck the web-like seal with lightning speed.

The collision of the sword and the seal did not produce a great sound as expected. It gave people a the illusion that it was weaker than it seemed, as if the earth-shaking sword was only a hollow cover.

However, the dazzling white light of the seal quickly began to darken in the next moment. The final obstacle that blocked the World of Forsaken Saints showed some signs of breaking.

“My god, oh no. What is this weird power? It actually possesses a great destructive effect on master’s seal,” Xiao Ling cried out. She immediately became nervous, as she poured even more surging origin energy into the seal, which made it strengthen rapidly.

At the same time, the energy gathered underneath Mercenary City began to surge toward the seal at an even faster rate. Xiao Ling had only gathered all this energy after so many years and normally used it to support the seal. Xiao Ling could no longer bother with the consumption of the energy with the current danger.

The signs of breaking finally stabilized under Xiao Ling’s full support. It began to recover as fast as it could while it resisted the mysterious experts from the pit.

The sword Qi and sword pushed at the seal for a while more. In the end, the sword Qi completely dispersed as it ran out of energy, while the sword also turned around and disappeared back into the dark pit with a clear resonance.

Xiao Ling immediately produced a sigh of relief when she saw that the expert of the World of Forsaken Saints had finally given up on breaking through the seal. Signs of exhaustion appeared on her face; it had only been less than twenty minutes, yet it was like a death battle with an expert of the same level for three days and three nights to Xiao Ling.

Xiao Ling patted her chest and looked into the pit with some lingering fear. She mumbled, "So scary, so strong. The two attacks must have come from the same person. If I hadn't made it in time, master's seal definitely would not have been able to resist a single attack from that person."

Suddenly, the space in the pit twisted. One could vaguely see a figure inside the darkness. The blurry person possessed a presence that allowed them to look down on everything.

Xiao Ling possessed great strength, but her mind was no older than a child's after all. She immediately clutched her mouth when she saw that and involuntarily took a few steps back. She became rather timid.

"This seal can't stop me. The day I complete my Seal Breaker will be the day where this seal will disappear and that day isn't far away." A wispy voice rang out from the darkness. Although it was extremely cold and emotionless, it was filled with confidence.

The figure slowly vanished with that. The ground below Mercenary City became peaceful once again.

Xiao Ling stared at the patch of darkness blankly, as if it was the gates of hell. A while later, she began to cry painfully, "Sob... master, where are you? Come back quick, Xiao Ling is so scared..."

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A majestic, snow-white divine hall stood silently in the snowy land of the arctic. A person completely clad in silver-white armor currently sat in the center of a room filled with cold air. The only part of her visible were her closed eyes.

At this moment, her eyes slowly opened. A cold voice filled with surprise echoed through the quiet room.

"What a shocking genius. Not only has he reached such a high level of cultivation in eight hundred years, but he has even created that special battle skill made for breaking seals. It looks like you'll be breaking through that seal soon..."

"I've observed you for eight hundred years. I wonder how great your future achievements will be. I really do look forward to it..."

"Sigh, what a group of pitiful people..."

Jian Chen, Houston, Rui Jin, Hei Yu, and Hong Lian remained frozen on the spot. They struggled to calm down their surging emotions.

Xiao Ling had easily forced three great Saint Emperors to flee. They felt extremely shocked from seeing someone who had surpassed Saint Emperor for the first time.

“I had never thought that there would still be those who have surpassed Saint Emperor in the present world that lacks origin energy,” Rui Jin sighed deeply a long while later. Although he had learned of the barrier spirit’s existence when he went to Mercenary City the first time with Jian Chen and Hei Yu, the two of them had always believed that the barrier spirit was only a Saint Emperor at most. They had never thought that the barrier spirit was something that had surpassed Saint Emperor.

The two of them knew that those who had surpassed Saint Emperor were invincible. Even in the ancient times, only four experts like this had appeared.

Houston floated pale-faced next to Jian Chen for a very long time without saying anything. Xiao Ling’s voice that referred to Jian Chen as big brother constantly rang through his head. His heart had begun to churn long ago. He had never thought that Jian Chen was so close to the barrier spirit of Mercenary City, an existence that had surpassed Saint Emperor.

Jian Chen calmed down soon. He looked in the direction of Mercenary City and said, “Since Xiao Ling wanted to capture the path lord, the tiger king, and Kaiser, but she left with such urgency, has something great happened in Mercenary City?”

Rui Jin thought for a while with that before he said, “Why don’t we go to Mercenary City and check it out? Though after the disturbance from that earthwurm, the violent energy has flooded everywhere. The space still has not stabilized yet, so we can’t construct a Space Gate. Let’s fly over.”

With that, Rui Jin carried Jian Chen as he flew, Rui Jin made his way to Mercenary City with Hong Lian, Hei Yu, Houston, and the others.

The experts of the ten protector clans and various other Saint Kings from across the continent arrived where the three Saint Emperors had fought Xiao Ling soon after they had left. All they discovered was the mess of a place that the region had become.

“I can feel a mysterious energy here, very similar to the origin energy on the weapons of the two magical beast experts,” said Changyang Qing Yun.

“That doesn’t seem right. I can feel that the residual origin energy here is much purer than the origin energy in the weapons of the two magical beasts,” said the pavilion master of the Pure Heart Pavilion, Wu Chenzi. However, a gleam of light flickered through her eyes. Then, she looked toward Mercenary City and said, “They’ve already flown off to Mercenary City, though we can follow along and see.”

The Saint Kings from the protector clans and various other organizations continued toward Mercenary City.

Mercenary City had already been thrown into a mess. The violent shaking earlier had alarmed everyone there and people currently filled the streets. All of them pointed at the densely-packed cracks on the ground as noisy discussions flooded their ears.

All the people that had come to Mercenary City knew about the protective power over the city. The ground was countless times harder than steel, where even Saint Rulers could not leave a mark if they struck out as hard as they could. They could not believe that such thick cracks now covered the ground.

A group of people of various ages currently floated sternly in the air in the center of the city, as they surveilled the entire city with Tian Jian at their lead. Each and every one of them possessed extremely ugly expressions.

Chapter 1017: Deep Underground

The ones who floated above Mercenary City were members of the upper echelon of Mercenary City. They were all elders, and even the weakest of them was a Saint Ruler.

“Grand elder, just what has happened...”

“Our city has the protective power of the barrier, and it’s extremely tough. How has it ended up like this now...”

“Has the barrier of our city disappeared...”

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All the elders fell into a discussion, as they stared at the city riddled with huge cracks. They felt extremely suspicious and curious about the incident that Mercenary City had suffered as well as some panic and confusion at the same time.

The grand elder sternly stared at the huge cracks that covered all the streets and alleys. He too felt confused, unsure what exactly that had happened to Mercenary City and why it was like this now.

Suddenly, Tian Jian seemed to think of something. A gleam of light flashed through his eyes, and he thought, “Has something happened to the barrier spirit?” His face immediately darkened slightly when he thought of that possibility. Mo Tianyun left the barrier spirit behind here all those years ago. Its existence was extremely important to Mercenary City, as it was the unnamed protector god of Mercenary City. If something really happened to the barrier spirit, it would definitely be an extremely heavy hit to Mercenary City.

“It’s a pity that I can’t communicate with the barrier spirit on my own initiative. I wonder what has happened to Mercenary City. If only Jian Chen was here. Though a great battle has just erupted in the direction of the Cross Mountains. There were magical beast Saint Emperors who took part in it, so by the looks of things, the two magical beast experts by Jian Chen’s side probably fought the Saint Emperors of the Beast God Continent once again. Jian Chen should also be nearby if that’s really the case,” thought Tian Jian. He had sensed the battle in the Cross Mountains earlier and wanted to go have a look. However, Mercenary City suddenly began to shake violently, so he had to stay behind.

At this moment, several tremendous presences appeared outside and rapidly approached the city with lightning speed.

Tian Jian’s gaze froze, and he quickly looked toward the direction of the presences. He could not help but smile. “Jian Chen really has come at the right time. I just happened to need him to communicate with the barrier spirit and see what just has happened to Mercenary City.”

Jian Chen, Houston, Rui Jin, Hei Yu, and Hong Lian flew over from afar side-by-side. All of their gazes became mixed when they saw the huge barrier above the city. A sliver of respect appeared in Houston, Rui Jin, Hong Lian, and Hei Yu’s eyes. It was the respect for the strong.

They all knew that barrier spirit was the little girl who had surpassed Saint Emperor.

Jian Chen never went into detail about Xiao Ling's true identity. To him, it did not matter whether Xiao Ling was a spirit of the earth or a barrier spirit. It was no longer important.

"Looks like something big really has happened here now that all the people of Mercenary City are in a panic." Jian Chen noticed the difference in Mercenary City from afar and his brows immediately furrowed in worry.

Very soon, Jian Chen's group met up with the elders of Mercenary City. After a few greetings, they directly proceeded to the main topic.

"Senior Tian Jian, may I ask just what has happened with Mercenary City? Why has it become like this?" Jian Chen asked, as he looked at the messy Mercenary City.

"We don't know either. You can only ask the barrier spirit if you want to learn just what has happened today. Jian Chen, you have a close relationship with the barrier spirit. I hope you can communicate with the barrier spirit and ask what caused the incident with Mercenary City," Tian Jian asked sternly.

"I'll try," replied Jian Chen. A sliver of uneasiness appeared in his heart for some reason, because he thought about some secretive matters Mo Tianyun had told him before.

Afterward, Jian Chen softly called Xiao Ling's name a few times. However, he did not get any response this time.

Jian Chen felt even grimmer. Currently, he felt more and more certain his thoughts. He had already connected the unforeseen event of Mercenary City and Xiao Ling's loss of composure earlier to the seal beneath Mercenary City. Some problem must have happened to it.

"Senior Tian Jian, I am unable to help you this time," Jian Chen said rather dejectedly. He furrowed his brows from worry. He felt deeply anxious about Xiao Ling's safety.

"Sigh," Tian Jian exhaled deeply. He raised his head to look at the huge barrier that was still present, and he too furrowed his brows tightly. Since Mo Tianyun founded Mercenary City, it had gone through the wind and the rain, but something like this had never happened before.

The light in Jian Chen's eyes flickered for a while. He was hesitating over whether he should tell Tian Jian and the others about the seal, so that they could mentally prepare themselves.

At this moment, an invisible force suddenly surrounded Jian Chen. Before Jian Chen could even react, it bound him tightly. Then, it pulled him downward with lightning speed.

"Jian Chen!" Rui Jin cried out. He immediately turned into a blur in an attempt to grab Jian Chen.

However, Jian Chen just fell too quickly. Even with Rui Jin's strength, he could not grab him. In that instant, an invisible force pulled Jian Chen to the ground. Then, he directly disappeared into the ground as everyone watched on in shock. It left behind no mark on the floor.

The expressions of Rui Jin, Hei Yu, Hong Lian, and Houston all changed when they saw that. They glanced at each other before they all descended as if they had a tacit understanding of each other. They wanted to blast open the ground to save Jian Chen.

“Please wait!” Tian Jian obstructed them and said, “There’s no need to worry, everyone. Mercenary City is protected by the barrier spirit, so outsiders cannot harm Jian Chen in here at all. Since Jian Chen is close with the barrier spirit, I assume that it’s extremely likely that it was the barrier spirit itself that pulled Jian Chen into the ground.”

Rui Jin, Hei Yu, Hong Lian, and Houston immediately calmed down after they heard this. They returned to the skies, as they quietly waited for Jian Chen.

The mysterious force caused Jian Chen to rapidly sink and the soil parted as he moved downward. As such, he did not become stained with any silt or mud at all.

Jian Chen had already experienced this before. He knew that Xiao Ling was behind this, so he was extremely calm. He let the force surround his body and did not show any resistance.

Very soon, Jian Chen arrived in the depths underground. It was completely dark, to the point that he could not even see before him. Even with Jian Chen’s eyesight, he could see nothing.

Jian Chen subconsciously expanded his presence, but he could only expand it less than a thousand meters even with its current power. A mysterious power suppressed his presence.

However, through the senses of his presence, Jian Chen could tell that he was in a huge space underground.

“The energy here has become much thinner than the last time I came here,” Jian Chen thought in surprise. He could still remember clearly that when Xiao Ling had taken him here for the first time, the energy was so thick that it had almost become liquid. Only a few years had passed since then, yet the energy had already become this thin. It was being consumed at a shocking rate.

At this moment, a ball of white light suddenly appeared in the pitch-black world. It illuminated everything.

“Xiao Ling!” Jian Chen immediately cried out when he saw the ball of light.

The ball of light was from Xiao Ling. Her body seemed extremely illusionary, as if she was a figure constructed from light.

Xiao Ling was no longer as energetic as before. Two clear streaks of tears ran down her cute, innocent face as fear clouded it completely. Something seemed to be frightening her.

Jian Chen felt pained when he saw Xiao Ling like that. He asked in concern, “Xiao Ling, what has happened to you? What has happened?”

“Wah...” Suddenly, Xiao Ling began to cry. She threw herself at Jian Chen’s chest, as she cried loudly, hugging Jian Chen tightly.

“Don’t cry Xiao Ling, come on. Tell big brother what has happened.” Jian Chen hugged Xiao Ling back, as he comforted her. Although Xiao Ling’s body was formed from energy, the energy had basically corporealized. As such, there were almost no differences to hugging a person with flesh and blood, except for the fact that Xiao Ling did not give off any heat.

“Big brother... big brother... Xiao Ling is so scared... Xiao Ling is so scared. Master, master where are you? Come back quickly, Xiao Ling really is so scared,” Xiao Ling sobbed in Jian Chen’s bosom. She was quite frightened.

Jian Chen felt sympathetic, as he looked at Xiao Ling’s weeping expression. He comforted softly, “Don’t be scared, Xiao Ling. Isn’t big brother here? Don’t worry, big brother will protect you.”

Jian Chen comforted Xiao Ling for a very long time before she finally calmed down. Afterward, he asked, “Xiao Ling, tell me honestly. Has something happened to the seal?”

Xiao Ling dried her tears and nodded her head firmly. She said, “Yeah, big brother, something ran out from the se-” Xiao Ling suddenly stopped and immediately covered her mouth with her hand. She said with a muffled voice, “No, Xiao Ling can’t say it. Master said that Xiao Ling can’t say it to anyone.”

Jian Chen smiled and said, “Xiao Ling, big brother saw your master a few years ago. Your master told big brother about everything here. There’s a seal deep beneath Mercenary City, which seals up the entrance to the World of Forsaken Saints. Is big brother right?”

Xiao Ling unblinkingly stared at Jian Chen with her bright and innocent eyes, before nodding firmly twice. She had basically affirmed Jian Chen’s words.

“Xiao Ling, even your master has told everything to big brother. You shouldn’t hide it from big brother any longer. Be good, tell big brother what has happened here, okay?” Jian Chen said.

“Okay. But big brother isn’t allowed to tell anyone else. Master didn’t let me to tell anyone all those years ago,” Xiao Ling said seriously.

Jian Chen nodded silently.

Afterward, Xiao Ling described everything that had happened to Jian Chen. She hid nothing. Jian Chen immediately revealed an extremely ugly expression when he learned that a peerless expert of the World of Forsaken Saints had been attacking the seal.

“Xiao Ling, just how powerful is that expert from the World of Forsaken Saints who attacked the seal? Can you defeat him?” Jian Chen asked nervously. At this moment, he was so uneasy that his heart was beating heavily.

Xiao Ling shook her head without any hesitation and said, “Big brother, that person is very strong. Master previously set down two seals all those years ago, one on the other side and one here. That person used a single attack to break through master’s seal on the other side, and the seal here probably would’ve been broken as well if Xiao Ling didn’t use everything she had to support it. Not only did Xiao Ling use up all the energy that she had accumulated over many years to keep up the seal, but she even consumed a lot of her power. Xiao Ling definitely wouldn’t be able to bear with it if that person comes and attacks a few more times.”

Chapter 1018: The Three Levels of the Origin Realm

Xiao Ling’s words shocked Jian Chen. Xiao Ling herself was a supreme expert who had surpassed Saint Emperor. She had to use her own strength, the seal Mo Tianyun left behind all those years ago, as well as the vast quantities of energy accumulated over countless years beneath Mercenary City to block the

attack of the expert from the World of Forsaken Saints. So, just how terrifyingly powerful was this person's strength?

Jian Chen immediately became filled with anxiety after learning what had happened to Mercenary City. He was almost certain that the person who had attacked the seal had surpassed Saint Emperor, which made Jian Chen feel extremely grim.

The World of Forsaken Saints had already given birth to people who had surpassed Saint Emperor and there must have been quite a few of them. There would also be quite a lot of Saint Emperors.

On the other hand, within this world, the war god of the Hundred Races, Aergyns, had already died in battle out of the four supreme champions. The strongest human, Mo Tianyun, had already disappeared with the Winged Tiger God, with only the sea goddess still alive. However, only her soul remained, so her strength was nowhere near her prime.

Even with the three other great races in perspective, there were only a few Saint Emperors. How could they possibly repel the invasion of the terrifying World of Forsaken Saints with just this much?

"Xiao Ling, if you were to face up against the person who attacked the seal, would you be able to beat him?" Jian Chen stared fixedly at Xiao Ling. There was only Xiao Ling in the current world who possessed strength beyond Saint Emperor.

Xiao Ling shook her head without any hesitation and said, "Big brother, Xiao Ling definitely can't defeat that person. Xiao Ling assumes that person is at least at late Returnance, or even at Reciprocity."

"Returnance? Reciprocity?" Jian Chen stared blankly when he heard these two unfamiliar words for the first time. He asked seriously, "Xiao Ling, are the Returnance and Reciprocity you speak of realms beyond Saint Emperor?"

"Yeah. These are all things that master once told me. Master said that the Saint Rulers, Saint Kings, and Saint Emperors on the Tian Yuan Continent are all part of Sainthood, while the realm beyond that is the Origin realm. However, the Origin realm is split into three smaller realms, which are Receiving, Returnance, and Reciprocity. Each smaller realm has another three levels," said Xiao Ling.

"So above Saint Emperors is the Origin realm." Jian Chen came to an understanding. Afterward, his face twitched, and he asked Xiao Ling, "Xiao Ling, what level of cultivation are you up to right now?"

"Big brother, Xiao Ling is only at early Returnance right now. Xiao Ling can't defeat that person," Xiao Ling said pitifully. She seemed like she had been wronged.

Jian Chen was silent. With Xiao Ling's explanations, he had gained an even clearer understanding toward the strength of the World of Forsaken Saints. Those who had surpassed Saint Emperor should be at Receiving, while those who had even surpassed that should be at Returnance. Meanwhile, the person who attacked the seal was extremely likely to be at Reciprocity, which shocked him deeply.

In the ancient times when Mo Tianyun had entered the World of Forsaken Saints all by himself, he killed over twenty people that had surpassed Saint Emperor, at Receiving, and another three beyond that, at Returnance. According to his estimations, it was extremely likely that Mo Tianyun was at Returnance or Reciprocity. Yet now, Jian Chen felt extremely pressured as the World of Forsaken Saints had given birth to an expert as great as Mo Tianyun.

After he bid Xiao Ling farewell, Jian Chen heavy-heartedly returned to the surface. Tian Jian, Rui Jin, and the others remained floating high up in the sky. The various Saint Kings from the protector clans and other organizations had gathered as well. Kaiser's presence had alarmed all of them and drawn them over.

The group of elders behind Tian Jian had decreased substantially. Many of the elders at Saint Ruler had all been sent off to stabilize the situation of the city, as well as create a reason for the phenomenon.

"Look, Jian Chen's back!"

They immediately discovered Jian Chen as soon as he appeared on the surface, and they all descended to his side.

"Jian Chen, are you fine?" Rui Jin was the first one to speak. He was filled with concern. Although he had only met Jian Chen a while ago, Jian Chen was directly related to his chances of meeting his clansmen again. As a result, it could be said that Rui Jin and Hong Lian cared for Jian Chen's life the most after Tian Jian and Houston.

"Jian Chen, what did the barrier spirit say to you? Did you understand why the phenomenon earlier had occurred?" Tian Jian asked impatiently.

All the people from the ten protector clans were slightly startled by Tian Jian's questions. Their gazes toward Jian Chen immediately began to flicker with light. If Changyang Xiangtian of the Changyang clan had some connection to the barrier spirit of Mercenary City, it would be an extremely bad piece of news to them.

After some thought, the great elders of the protector Changyang clan all began to smile slightly at the same time. Their gazes toward Jian Chen carried some pride.

Jian Chen did not immediately answer Tian Jian. He hesitated with a sunken expression; he pondered whether he should tell them all about the matter or not.

A while later, Jian Chen finally made up his mind. He said, "Senior Tian Jian, the matter is important, so can we find a place where we can talk alone?"

Tian Jian also understood the severity of the matter when he saw Jian Chen's sternness. He did not dare to hesitate at all and immediately brought Jian Chen into an independent space within Mercenary City.

Afterward, Jian Chen told Tian Jian everything about the World of Forsaken Saints and Xiao Ling's situation over there, including when he met a fragment of Mo Tianyun's soul. He only hid the matter concerning the Yinyang Saint Rock.

When Tian Jian learned about the World of Forsaken Saints from Jian Chen, he became stunned. He did not return to his senses even after a very long time. The existence of such a world shocked Tian Yuan, where he struggled to stay calm even with his mental fortitude. He was speechless.

Only after an extremely long time did Tian Jian finally return to his senses. He sucked in a deep breath and slowly suppressed his shock. He stared at Jian Chen with interest and asked him with a slightly trembling voice, "Jian Chen, is that all true? Is there really a tunnel to the World of Forsaken Saints

hidden beneath Mercenary City? The sudden trembling of Mercenary City was also because an expert from that world who has surpassed Saint Emperor was attacking the seal?"

"I'm absolutely certain," Jian Chen replied sternly. He had really wanted to continue to hide the matter of the World of Forsaken Saints. This was to prevent panic on the Tian Yuan Continent after the new broke out. However, he could no longer afford to choose this course of action now that the matter had developed to such a state.

Tian Jian's complexion changed very quickly and it became extremely ugly. He said hoarsely, "We need to tell the ten protector clans about this immediately so that we can come up with a plan of counterattack. Jian Chen, come with me as well." Tian Jian left hurriedly with Jian Chen.

Tian Jian immediately found the people of the protector clans and members of the other organizations after he left the independent space. Then, he sternly invited them to a meeting in Mercenary City. He even invited Rui Jin, Hong Lian, Hei Yu, and Houston.

Houston and Hong Lian did not follow along due to their injuries. Instead, the elders of Mercenary City gave them a place to recuperate. Only Rui Jin and Hei Yu followed along.

Several elders of Mercenary at Saint King gathered with several dozen experts from the protector clans and other organizations in a majestic hall.

Throughout the entire process, Tian Jian maintained an extremely sunken expression. No one understood the reason for this other than Jian Chen. They had no idea what had happened that would make the grand elder of Mercenary City behave like this.

Tian Jian cut right to the chase and told everyone present about the news regarding the World of Forsaken Saints that he had learned from Jian Chen. He went into particularly great detail about their strength.

All of them became dumbstruck after learning about the World of Forsaken Saints. Disbelief flooded their faces. The news from Tian Jian was doubtlessly like a bolt from the blue; it stunned them all.

"Grand elder, what did you say? There's a seal beneath Mercenary City that seals the entrance to another world?"

"Grand elder, is that true? Does the World of Forsaken Saints really exist? Are they really that powerful?"

"Grand elder, that's a little too exaggerated. Let's not talk about whether that world exists or not first. Just over twenty experts who had surpassed Saint Emperor and three people even beyond that is shocking enough, yet all of them actually died to Mo Tianyun. We find that extremely difficult to believe."

"Grand elder, may I ask where you obtained this information..."

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An uproar broke out after a lull of silence. All the people present, regardless of being from the protector clans or other organizations, spoke their doubts. What Tian Jian had said was just a little too out of hand, to the point where no one present believed it.

“Everyone be quiet please!” Tian Jian raised his hand to stop all their discussions. Afterward, he pointed to Jian Chen and said, “I heard all this information regarding the World of Forsaken Saints from my friend here, Jian Chen. Jian Chen’s understanding is much greater than mine. If everyone has any further doubts, you are welcome to ask Jian Chen.”

“What? You heard this information from Jian Chen? Hahahaha! Grand elder, aren’t you a little too naive? You’d even believe such an outrageous thing,” said a ruddy old man, as he laughed aloud. He did not believe the information at all.

Jian Chen glanced at the old man. He recognized him. It was a great elder of the Yiyuan sect.

“Yeah, grand elder. How can you just believe something so outrageous? It must be fake, no doubt. Otherwise, why would there be no record of something so great within the protector clans at all?” Another great elder of a protector clan added.

The pavilion master of the Pure Heart Pavilion clasped her hands at Jian Chen and said, “My friend here shouldn’t be someone who likes to tell lies, but the matter regarding the World of Forsaken Saints is just too outrageous. May I ask if you have any evidence for the other world’s existence? Or maybe you could lead us to the seal underneath Mercenary City? We wish to hear the truth regarding this.”

The protector clans were all founded in the ancient times and had survived since then. They were even older than Mo Tianyun, so all of the people from the protector clans felt extremely confident. Any major matter that had occurred in this world would possess records in their archives, while the World of Forsaken Saints—a huge matter itself—was not present at all. This was why they did not believe in its existence.

Also, such important news came from Jian Chen, who was a junior, which made it even harder for them to believe.

Chapter 1019: Jian Chen’s Desire

“Right. Brother Jian Chen, why don’t you take us to below Mercenary City? That way, you can show us the seal, and we can confirm whether this is real or not. Otherwise, it really is hard for us to believe your words,” said a striking middle-aged man. He did not belong to the protector clans and was actually an ancestor of an ancient clan. He was extremely powerful and his name was well known, even among the protector clans.

Jian Chen stood calmly beside Tian Jian. Their doubts did not surprise him at all, as it was all in his expectations.

Indeed, this news was just too shocking. No news regarding the World of Forsaken Saints had ever appeared on the Tian Yuan Continent either, so anyone who suddenly heard about it would find it hard to believe as well.

If the person who had told Jian Chen the news was not Mo Tianyun, but a child far younger than him, Jian Chen would not have believed it either. He would just treat it all as a joke.

Jian Chen calmly glanced passed everyone. He did not see any seriousness among them even after they learned about the World of Forsaken Saints. Instead, they were all apathetic. Some of them even smiled sarcastically. None of them cared about the matter.

Jian Chen could not help but sigh gently inside. He shook his head, "Apologies, but I cannot take you underground to inspect the seal. Anyway, I have told you all everything I know about the World of Forsaken Saints. Whether you believe it or not will be up to you."

The region below Mercenary City was Xiao Ling's territory. Without Xiao Ling's permission, even Saint Emperors would not be able to enter there. Jian Chen knew without even thinking that it would be impossible to get Xiao Ling to take them all down to the seal.

"Hmph. The matters regarding the World of Forsaken Saints really are a bunch of lies. Jian Chen, weaving such an outrageous story to trick us, just what are you trying to do?" said a great elder of the Yiyuan sect with a rather aggressive tone.

Jian Chen had some disagreements with the Yiyuan sect, so he naturally did not respond politely. He stared coldly at the great elder and said, "You will naturally know in the future if the matters regarding the World of Forsaken Saints are a bunch of lies from me or not."

The meeting broke up very quickly. All the people from the protector clans returned to their respective clans. The battle with the magical beast Saint Emperor had initially drawn them over, but no one was in the mood to pay attention to it after what had happened to Mercenary City. In the end, Jian Chen's make-believe story regarding the World of Forsaken Saints had affected them in particular, disturbing their thoughts.

Although none of them believed the foreign world's existence, they firmly memorized its name. The fact that the foreign world once had over twenty experts that had exceeded Saint Emperor had shocked them in particular.

None of them believed Jian Chen's words, but over twenty people that had surpassed Saint Emperor was a huge deterrence force by itself.

Jian Chen settled down in a room Tian Jian organized to recuperate, while Tian Jian and the various Saint Kings of Mercenary City all gathered in the floating divine hall.

"Grand elder, do you really believe what Jian Chen has said? Is there really a huge seal deep underground Mercenary City?"

"If the World of Forsaken Saints really does exist and the tunnel to it has been sealed up underneath Mercenary City, the city lord should have left behind some information as well, so that people in the future can keep watch. Why would he hide it?"

All the elders spoke their suspicions. They also struggled to believe the World of Forsaken Saints and the matters around it.

Tian Jian paced around the center of the hall with his arms crossed. He tightly furrowed his brows and said in thought, "It really is hard to accept such an important matter to spring up so suddenly. However, if that's not the case, how would the trembling of Mercenary City be explained?"

"And it's not like Jian Chen is a person who lies. He is so close with the barrier spirit as well, so I think the World of Forsaken Saints is more likely to be true than false."

The elders immediately became stern after they heard Tian Jian's analysis. One of them said with a deep voice, "If this really is true, then what force will we, the Tian Yuan Continent, use to repel the invasion? According to Jian Chen's description of the World of Forsaken Saints, we're not their opponent even if the Tian Yuan Continent, the Beast God Continent, the Sea race, and the Hundred Races work together. After all, it's no longer the ancient times. We don't have the four supreme champions and the many Saint Emperors."

"If the World of Forsaken Saints really does invade, we probably don't have any abilities to resist at all," said another elder. His expression was very ugly.

Tian Jian pondered, as he slowly paced around the main entrance of the divine hall. He raised his head to look at the void and mumbled, "The war god of the ancient times has reappeared on the Tian Yuan Continent, while even the Winged Tiger God is born once again. The sea goddess is still alive, while a genius has appeared on our continent, Jian Chen. Perhaps they have come into existence because of this disaster? That they're only born at the same time in order to repel the World of Forsaken Saints?"

"Only the city lord knew about the World of Forsaken Saints. The city lord had also set down a rule with the elders. If the Winged Tiger God reappears, we must support it when it has not fully matured. He also stated that we should not worry about any harm the Winged Tiger God would bring to the Tian Yuan Continent. Has the city lord foreseen all those years ago that the seal to the World of Forsaken Saints will break when the Winged Tiger God reappears in the future?"

"If it's really like that, the city lord's abilities all those years ago probably would have already reached heaven-defying levels, far exceeding our level of understanding."

Suddenly, Tian Jian turned to the elders behind him and said, "It doesn't matter if the World of Forsaken Saints is real or not. Do not leak it out, or it'll throw the entire continent into fear."

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In a cold, quiet room, milky-white light dyed the dark room snow-white. Jian Chen sat in the center as he used Radiant Saint Force to heal himself.

Although Jian Chen sustained very heavy injuries in the battle before, he only used an extremely short amount of time to fully recover under the healing of both his Chaotic Body and Radiant Saint Force.

Jian Chen slowly opened his eyes after making a full recovery. He immediately removed the Octoterra Divine Hall from his Space Ring. It was currently the size of a fist, but Kaiser had already reduced the majestic divine hall had to ruins. It was no longer as mighty as it was before.

Jian Chen stared at the ruined divine hall with a pained expression. Although he had only obtained it recently, it had helped him greatly. The divine hall's existence allowed him to treat the protector clans as equals.

"The power of the divine hall has not disappeared. It should be repairing itself right now, but it's extremely slow. By this speed, it'll take at least several decades or even over a century to full repair," Jian Chen mumbled as he stared at the divine hall, before he placed it back into his Space Ring. He knew that he would not be able to use it for a very long time in the future.

Afterward, Jian Chen pulled out the saint artifact. The artifact had endured several attacks from Kaiser. Although Kaiser failed to destroy it, clear marks were left behind. Despite this, the level of damage was insignificant compared to the divine hall. The saint artifact could also repair itself, so it would return to pristine condition without much time.

“The saint artifact really is much tougher than the Octoterra Divine Hall. If a Saint Emperor wants to destroy it, they’ll need to expend quite a lot of effort. On the other hand, Kaiser smashed the Octoterra Divine Hall after just a few attacks. However, the only problem with the saint artifact is that its attacks are just too weak. If I come across a Saint Emperor, I won’t be able to enter the artifact space at all, or it’ll be no different than throwing myself at the jaws of death,” murmured Jian Chen. The defense of the saint artifact was startling, but it was just an item in the end. It could not flee at all before a Saint Emperor, and if it ended up in the hands of that Saint Emperor, it would be destroyed one day or another.

Jian Chen held the saint artifact, as he thought deeply. He thought, “I’ve told the ten protector clans about the World of Forsaken Saints, but they don’t believe it exists at all. They all think that I am lying, and that I’m weaving up a story to trick them. Sigh, looks like making them believe the existence of the World of Forsaken Saints is virtually impossible.”

“Though, it doesn’t matter if they don’t believe me. An expert greater than Xiao Ling has already appeared in that world, and there will definitely be people at Receival. There are probably quite a few Saint Emperors as well. They’re nothing that this world can repel. Everyone here is too weak.”

“The top priority is to increase the overall strength of this world, but the only way for them to all undergo a noteworthy increase is by refining the Yinyang Saint Rock. It’s the Yinyang Saint Rock’s existence that’s making breakthroughs much harder now. According to what senior Mo Tianyun said, once it disappears, the laws of the world will return to how they were in the ancient times. The experts currently at the Ninth Heavenly Layer or Great Perfection of Saint King will only need an extremely short amount of time to reach Saint Emperor, while more Saint Rulers and Saint Kings will appear.”

“It’s a pity that the power of the Yinyang Saint Rock is just too powerful. I can’t absorb it with my current strength. I can probably only absorb it after I reach the fifth layer of the Chaotic Body with the Heavenly Enchantress according to the Azulet swords.”

Jian Chen could not help but think of the erotic incident that had occurred between him and the Heavenly Enchantress when he thought of her. He immediately became strewn with mixed emotions.

He still needed to cultivate with the Heavenly Enchantress in order to absorb the power of the Yinyang Saint Rock and refine the Yinyang Qi into his own power.

“The fifth layer of the Chaotic Body, the fifth layer of the Chaotic Body. I am currently at the third, so just how fast can I reach the fifth layer? I can absorb the energy of the rock once I reach the fifth layer. Moreover, according to the sword spirits, I can reach the eighth layer after I absorb all of its power, or even the ninth. At that time, I should be able to fight those at Returnance or even Reciprocity!” Jian Chen stood up, and his eyes became filled with desire.

Chapter 1020: The Emphyrean Demon Orbs Takes a Master

After he had completely healed himself completely, Jian Chen left the room. Rui Jin and Hei Yu were waiting outside.

Jian Chen's heart immediately warmed up when he saw how Rui Jin and Hei Yu still guarded him at all times, even in Mercenary City. He clasped his hands toward the two of them and said, "Senior Rui Jin and senior Hei Yu, I have kept you waiting."

"It's no problem. It's not like we had anything better to do here, so we just came to the location where you went into seclusion just in case some accident happens to you like before," chuckled Hei Yu.

Rui Jin stared at Jian Chen for a while and said, "Jian Chen, are the matters regarding the World of Forsaken Saints true?"

Hei Yu stopped smiling and quickly became stern with Rui Jin's sudden question.

Jian Chen nodded, "Correct. It's completely true. The seal to the World of Forsaken Saints really does exist below Mercenary City, and experts from that world attacked the seal. These attacks caused the trembles."

Rui Jin became stern. He immediately stopped talking about it and said, "Jian Chen, let's go."

Afterward, Jian Chen met up with Tie Ta once more. He spoke with him for a while before leaving the independent space with Rui Jin and Hei Yu together, returning to Mercenary City. Ming Dong was still in a crucial moment of his breakthrough, so it would be inconvenient for Jian Chen to disturb him.

When Jian Chen returned to Mercenary City with Rui Jin and Hei Yu, the city had already returned to its previous appearance. The protective power had completely mended the cracks on the ground, as if it was not the crack-ridden city from before at all.

The elders of Mercenary City announced a casual reason to explain the trembling of the city. They calmed down the panic and suspicion among the countless mercenaries.

Under Rui Jin and Hei Yu's lead, Jian Chen went to find Hong Lian and Houston, who were currently recovering in an inn. They were both in the same inn.

"I greet uncle Xiu and senior Hong Lian," Jian Chen greeted the two of them politely as soon as he met them. He quickly glanced past them and found that Houston was still injured and had a pale face. On the other hand, Hong Lian seemed fine, except for the exhaustion she struggled to hide.

Jian Chen could also sense clearly that Hong Lian's presence was much weaker than before.

Although Hong Lian was a phoenix that had lived for several millennia, she only seemed to be in her twenties. Hong Lian immediately began to glare at Jian Chen viciously when she heard how he referred to her. Then, she said with some slight anger, "What senior? Jian Chen, do I really look that old?"

Jian Chen became stunned with that. He had never expected Hong Lian to react so violently from being referred to as senior.

Rui Jin smiled at how Hong Lian had reacted and said, "Hong Lian, since when did you become so much like a young girl? It doesn't seem like you."

Hong Lian used her hand to play around with her hair. After that, she turned around and sat down on her bed. She stared at Jian Chen in interest and said, "Jian Chen, I've paid quite a heavy price to save you. Four consecutive rebirths will lead me into forty years of weakness. Talk, what treasure will you give me to make up for my loss?" Hong Lian did not seem to be joking at all and her words were seriousness.

"I will never forget senior's kindness for saving my life. I will definitely return the favor on fold if I get the chance in the future," said Jian Chen, as he clasped his hands without any extra thought.

Rui Jin walked over and patted Jian Chen's shoulder. He smiled gently and said, "Jian Chen, Hong Lian's joking with you. Don't treat it so seriously."

Hong Lian seemed to have not heard Rui Jin's words at all. She glared at Jian Chen rather unhappily and said, "I said to not call me senior. Jian Chen, listen closely. Don't ever call me senior again. Just call me by my name, Hong Lian!"

"Okay!" Jian Chen clasped his hands at her. After some thought, he said, "Hong Lian, Uncle Xiu, you're still injured. Why don't you enter the artifact space? I can get the artifact spirit to heal all your wounds."

Houston's eyes lit up with that. He coughed twice and said rather weakly, "That works. With the help from the saint artifact of the Radiant Saint Master Union, I can recover from these injuries that would normally take several decades in a short while."

Then, Jian Chen pulled out the saint artifact and sent Houston into the artifact space. Afterward, he turned to Hong Lian and said, "Why don't you enter the artifact space as well to heal, Hong Lian?"

Hong Lian glanced at Jian Chen, and she closed her eyes to focus on her meditation. She said, "My weakness is from backlash of the Rebirth of Fire. My strength has fallen from Great Perfection to the Fifth Heavenly Layer, and the saint artifact can't heal it. I can only recover slowly. Of course, if you have any extremely valuable heavenly spiritual resources, that can reduce my time of weakness as well."

"Heavenly spirit resources? Does the Dragon's Saliva count?" Jian Chen asked urgently.

Hong Lian shook her head gently. "Dragon's Saliva is only a heavenly resource. It's nowhere near the invaluable heavenly spiritual resources."

Jian Chen became rather dejected. He knew that Rui Jin had brought over Hong Lian as a powerful helper. If she could fully recover her strength, he would have one more powerful helper at his side.

"Master, the holy water of the spirit sea can help this little phoenix recover her strength." At this moment, the voices of the sword spirits sounded in his head. He had not heard them for quite a while.

Jian Chen became delighted. He immediately focused his attention on his sea of consciousness and saw that the two sword spirit revolve around the Multicolored Stone in the form of two balls of light. In the recent years, the sword spirits had always been absorbing the stone to recover their strength. Jian Chen could clearly feel that the Azulet sword spirit were much more powerful than before with a single glance, while the stone had also grown smaller.

“Zi Ying, Qing Suo, are you saying that the divine water of the world can help Hong Lian recover from the backlash of using the Rebirth of Fire?” Jian Chen asked. The holy water of the spirit sea that the sword spirits mentioned was the divine water of the world among the Sea race.

“Correct. We understand a few things about the Phoenix clan. They will be weakened for a period of time every time they use their innate ability, the Rebirth of Flames, resulting in a great decrease in strength. If they use it consecutively, the period of time will be lengthened as well. It’s fortunate that the little phoenix isn’t powerful. Every time they use rebirth, it’ll only result in ten years of weakness. In our original world, it would be thousands, tens of thousands of years or even longer every time they used a rebirth. In order to shorten the amount of time weakened, a few experts of the Phoenix clan had traveled all over the world in search of a method. In the end, they found that the holy water of the spirit sea was a liquid that could help them,” explained Zi Ying.

Jian Chen’s attention returned to his body. Although he knew that the divine water of the world could allow Hong Lian to recover immediately, he only had one portion, which was for forging the Azulent swords. He could not give it to Hong Lian.

“I’ll immediately go looking for the water the next time I return to the Sea race,” thought Jian Chen. Currently, he believed he was strong enough to enter the dangerous areas of the sea realm in search of the water.

Jian Chen entered the artifact space once more after he left Hong Lian to rest. He first visited You Yue, Xiao Bai and his mother, comforting their alarmed feelings. Then, he directly proceeded to uncle Xiu’s location.

Uncle Xiu made a full recovery very quickly under the healing of the artifact spirit’s Radiant Saint Force origin energy. As it was his first time witnessing the origin energy of Radiant Saint Force, he exclaimed and gasped in admiration at the power and wonder of the Radiant Saint Force origin energy.

With a flip of his hand, a book appeared in his hand. The Blood Demon Emperor had left behind this cultivation manual in the Octoterra Divine Hall. The Baleful Yin Force within had stopped attacking Jian Chen long ago with the Empyrean Demon Orb’s submission.

Jian Chen passed the book to uncle Xiu and said, “Uncle Xiu, please check out this book.”

As soon as Jian Chen pulled out the book, Houston began staring at it unblinkingly. He immediately accepted it without any hesitation after he heard Jian Chen’s words.

“Hmm?” Houston immediately produced an interjection of surprise as soon as the book entered his hands. His old and profound gaze also lit up in wonder, and he cried out as he stared fixedly at the book, “Baleful Yin Force! It’s actually Baleful Yin Force, and it’s several fold more powerful than the Baleful Yin Force I control!”

Houston did not stop the Baleful Yin Force and allowed it to worm its way through his body toward his soul. As soon as it came into contact with his soul, not only did it pose no threat to Houston, it was devoured instead, becoming part of his own power.

However, the rest of the Baleful Yin Force shot off like a frightened bird as soon as Houston devoured a small part of it, receding out of his body and back into the book as fast as it could. It fell silent, no longer daring to appear again.

“Hmm? This Baleful Yin Force actually even possesses a shred of intelligence. What a surprise, what a surprise,” Houston could not help but sigh in wonder. He felt even more curious regarding the contents of the book and immediately began to flip through it.

However, his expression changed when he saw just the first page. His eyes became flooded with surprise that he struggled to conceal, and the surprise increased as he flipped through more pages. In the end, it turned into deep shock and disbelief.

“T- this is the cultivation manual of my Bloodsword sect. Jian Chen, where did you get this book from?” Houston suddenly shut the book and stared at Jian Chen in interest.

Afterward, Jian Chen told Houston about the book’s origins and everything he had learned from the memories of the Blood Demon Emperor.

Houston immediately became stunned when he found out the founder of the Bloodsword sect was actually a member of the Sea race. His heart began to churn as he struggled to accept or believe all of it.

“Uncle Xiu, this is the Empyrean Demon Orb. It should be very useful to you.” Then, Jian Chen passed over the Empyrean Demon Orb.

Uncle Xiu slowly calmed down, as he stared at the orb in Jian Chen’s hand. He reached toward it subconsciously.

However, as soon as uncle Xiu touched the orb, the Empyrean Demon Orb immediately flew up from its original state of lying quietly in Jian Chen’s hands. It turned into a faint streak of red light as it shot toward uncle Xiu, before disappearing into the center of his eyebrows.

Uncle Xiu’s eyes quickly dulled, and he closed them. He had directly fallen unconscious.

Jian Chen quickly caught his body, slowly laying him on the ground. He knew that nothing would happen to him, as it was only a process of the Empyrean Demon Orb taking on a master.