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Chapter 1111: The Divine Realm

"The Tao family," Jian Chen murmured under his breath. A gleam of light flashed through his eyes. The Tao family was a large clan that wielded absolute power. They were very powerful.

Suddenly, Jian Chen seemed to sense something. He looked to the outside of the hall and a sliver of surprise flashed through his eyes.

One of the guards at the main entrance charged into the hall as if his bottom was on fire. He fell to his knees and hurriedly yelled, "Ruler, there's a woman who claims to be a guest elder of the Sea Goddess Hall and has charged in. We cannot stop her no matter how we try."

As soon as he finished speaking, a hubbub rang out from outside. An azure-clothed female boldly stepped into the hall as several guards encircled her. A powerful presence radiated from her, preventing the surrounding guards from getting any closer to her.

"How dare you act wildly in our Turtle clan!" Several elders became enraged within the hall. They immediately stood up and went to stop the lady who had come in.

The current Turtle clan was no longer the same as the past. Not only did they have the protection of a ruler, they also had three 16th Star experts, which led to the Saint Ruler elders becoming much braver.

"It's not a problem. Let her in," Jian Chen raised his hand to calmly stop the angered elders.

The elders immediately stopped and returned to their seats now that their ruler had spoken.

Qing Yixuan possessed an imposing presence as she barged into the Turtle clan all by herself. She made her way to the meeting hall of the clan, ignoring all the elders. She stared at Jian Chen who sat at the very top and coldly said, "You've finally decided to appear after vanishing for so long."

Jian Chen smiled faintly. He looked back at Qing Yixuan and said, "It's been a few years since I've last seen you, yet you still look the same, if not better! You've progressed to the Sixth Heavenly Layer as well. Congratulations."

Qing Yixuan remained neutral, "Jian Chen, I haven't come to find you to talk about the old days. I already know that your Turtle clan is falling out with the Tao family. I've come this time because I want to work with your Turtle clan. I am willing to assist your clan with taking back those old mines."

All the elders' expressions drastically changed when they heard her offer. They immediately became excited. It would become much easier to recover crystal mines in the future if another 16th Star expert joined them.

Jian Chen did not waver at all. He asked, "Qing Yixuan, I am very curious to know exactly what the Tao family owns that attracts you so dearly. You've actually come to find me time and time again, and you're even willing to offend many great clans this time to deal with the Tao family."

Qing Yixuan slightly hesitated. Afterward, she extended a finger and a transparent barrier immediately expanded, enveloping Jian Chen and her. The barrier could cut off sound. Obviously, Qing Yixuan did not want others to hear what she was going to say.

“There’s no problem with me telling you if you’re so curious. The Tao family is in possession of a Saint Tier Battle Skill for humans. It was obtained by one of their ancestors on an island outside. If we can get this Saint Tier Battle Skill, we can comprehend it together,” Qing Yixuan hid nothing and told the truth.

“A Saint Tier Battle Skill!” Jian Chen’s interest was immediately piqued. Saint Tier Battle Skills were the exact objects he needed. If the Flame Mercenaries wanted to become truly powerful, they needed to have Saint Tier Battle Skills.

“I heard that the Tao family is watched over by a powerful ancestor who’s almost reached the Great Perfection of Saint King. If we work together, we still won’t be his opponent even with all the experts of the Turtle clan,” Jian Chen said again.

“You’re talking about Tao Zhengtian. His strength isn’t as exaggerated as you have heard. He’s only at the Eighth Heavenly Layer right now. You have the Octoterra Divine Hall, so he can’t threaten you. All you need to do is keep him busy,” said Qing Yixuan.

Jian Chen paused for a while before making up his mind, “I didn’t want to take the Tao family on as enemies originally, but they’re in possession of an excellent mine that once belonged to my Turtle clan. We will end up clashing with the Tao family sooner or later, but now’s not the time. Qing Yixuan, if you want to get a share of the Tao family’s treasures, then stay in the Turtle clan. Go with Tai Dou and the others to defeat the relatively-weaker clans who still have not returned our mines.”

Qing Yixuan hesitated slightly before saying, “Alright, I agree to your conditions. However, I hope I do not have to wait for too long.”

Qing Yixuan temporarily stayed at the Turtle clan, becoming one of their esteemed guests. With the addition of another powerful expert, the whole clan was in jubilation even though it was only temporary.

Jian Chen stayed in the Turtle clan for a day before leaving after handing over some matters. He headed toward one of the danger zones in the sea realm.

The divine realm was an extremely well-known place in the sea realm. At the same time, it was also a zone of danger that could make people tremble in fear, because there were rumors that a 17th Star emperor had once vanished in there, never appearing again. At the same time, there were many 15th and 16th Star experts who had disappeared as well.

No one knew the exact geography of the divine realm. It was extremely ancient, with a history even lengthier than the sea realm. It had already been formed before the sea realm even existed.

The divine realm contained countless rare treasures and heavenly resources. The divine water of the world that was renowned throughout the entire sea realm appeared there. It was the only place where this special type of water could form. As a result, even though the divine realm was extraordinarily dangerous, it could not stop many adventurers of the sea realm from entering. Even though they knew that entering meant death, there were still many people who wanted to try their luck under the mentality that benefits came with risk.

A hundred kilometers away from the divine realm stood a medium-sized city. It was named Divine City because it provided special supplies to adventurers who were about to enter the divine realm. At the same time, it was where these adventurers gathered.

There were all sorts of existences in Divine City. Not only were there blue-skinned members of the Sea race in human form, there were even humans from the Tian Yuan Continent and magical beasts from the Beast God Continent. All three races were common there, and they rarely looked down upon each other. There were even cases where the three races worked together to form a group of adventurers.

Jian Chen entered the city in tight robes, making him seem more experienced. He seemed just like an ordinary person as he mixed into the crowd.

“Supreme Antidotal Pills, a crucial need for the divine realm. They can detoxify various poisons. Ten high-quality crystal coins for one. There aren’t many left, so come buy some fast...”

“Selling quaking thunders ranging from the 12th Star to the 14th Star. They can deal attacks that are equivalent from the 12th Star to the 14th Star. An absolute must for saving lives. There aren’t many left...”

Various calls rang through the streets. Many different stands had been set up on both sides of the streets to sell items. There was a great variety of items present.

Jian Chen stopped before a stand that sold quaking thunders. All he saw were a few fist-sized black orbs on the ground, which pulsed with a powerful water-attributed energy.

Jian Chen picked one up to examine, understanding the secrets of it with a single glance. They were made from a special material that could store energy inside, able to deal a violent attack. They possessed the same uses as the three stones he had obtained from the president of the Radiant Saint Master Union before. The only difference between the two was quality. The stones could store energy from a Saint King at Great Perfection while the quaking thunders before him could only store up to the Third Heavenly Layer of Saint Ruler.

“Warrior, why don’t you buy a few quaking thunders? It’s an absolute must whether its for fighting enemies or saving your life,” the owner of the stand began to explain the wonders and great uses of the quaking thunders.

“May I ask where the materials for making these quaking thunders comes from?” Jian Chen asked as he examined the black orbs.

“Hehe, it must be your first time in the Divine City to not even know this. The materials come from the divine realm. They are obtained by killing the powerful, vicious beasts that inhabit the realm,” explained the owner.

Jian Chen then asked the prices of the quaking thunders, but they were outrageous. The quaking thunder in his hand, the one that could only deal the strike of a Third Heavenly Layer Saint Ruler, actually cost two hundred thousand grand-quality crystal coins.

Jian Chen continued to stroll down the streets at ease. There were a lot of stands selling various items that even he had no idea what they were called or how they could be used. However, they were all extremely unique. He hoped to find materials for the Azulet swords here.

Jian Chen ended up with disappointment in the end. He had virtually went everywhere, but he found nothing. He did come across quite a few quaking thunders for sale, however.

Jian Chen arrived in the center of the city and entered a large tavern. He learned about the divine realm from some adventures who frequently ventured into it.

The Turtle clan was not in possession of many records in regards to the divine realm. They had suffered a few disasters in the past, losing many of their ancient records. This was why the amount of information they possessed was pitiful.

“I heard the Blue Sky Adventurers entered the dangerous depths of the divine realm and returned successfully. All they lost were a few 12th Star warriors.”

“The captain of the Blue Sky Adventurers is a 13th Star expert. He’s actually able to bring his members into the depths where even 15th Star experts would die and return safely as well. It’s a miracle.”

“I’ve also heard that the group saw some divine water of the world from afar, but they were in no shape to take the extra step. As a result, they could only return helplessly. What a pity.”

“Divine water of the world is extremely rare in the divine realm. Even 16th Star experts won’t necessarily come across it when they enter the depths. The Blue Sky Adventurers are just too lucky.”

“The Blue Sky Adventurers has now become an unapproachable existence in the city. I heard that many powerful adventurers want to pull the group to their side, so they can learn where the water is located.”

“I heard that the Blue Sky Adventurers has already recruited two 13th Star experts and are ready to enter the depths once more. They want to retrieve the water.”

The adventurers in the tavern discussed the recent news with one another and all of them talked about the Blue Sky Adventurers.

At this moment, a group of people in tight robes entered the tavern. The discussions immediately quietened down with their arrival.

“Look, they’re the Blue Sky Adventurers...”

“The Blue Sky Adventurers have actually appeared here. Do they really plan on entering the depths again...”

The people in the tavern discussed their arrival under their breaths.

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Jian Chen heard their muffled discussions loud and clear since he sat nearby. He looked up at the group of people who had entered the tavern. There were ten people in total, and they all wore tight robes, appearing extremely experienced. The person at the very front was a large man with big eyes and thick eyebrows as well as a full beard. Two old men with peppered hair followed behind him. They were old, but their eyes shined with vigor. All three of them were Saint Rulers, 13th Star experts in the sea realm. The seven people that followed behind them were all 12th star experts, at the Sixth Cycle of Heaven Saint Master.

“The one at the very front is the captain of the Blue Sky Adventurers. They only have nine people in their group, yet two unknown old men have appeared. Are the rumors true? Has the Blue Sky Adventurers really recruited two 13th Star experts and are preparing to enter the depths of the divine realm again?” Someone wondered below their breath.

“The Blue Sky Adventurers are actually all humans. Only one of the old men is a magical beast,” Jian Chen mumbled inside. He could see through the group with a single glance.

Another group of people walked in from outside. They all wore blue armor and all seemed rather impressive. They bore a shiny, purple badge on their chests, and a single word had been sewn onto it in the language of the Sea race—Lanshan.

“It’s actually the people from the Lanshan clan. The Lanshan clan is one of the three great clans within the city. Have they come here because of the divine water of the world?”

“The person at the front is the first young master, Lan Mo. His constitution was improved by heavenly resources when he was young, so his talent is extremely outstanding. He’s reached the 13th Star in just over three hundred years.”

The group of people immediately made their way to the Blue Sky Adventurers. The first young master, Lan Mo, stared haughtily at the captain and said, “Zhou Chuyun, our Lanshan clan wants to enter the depths of the divine realm this time. You should work with us. We can enter the divine realm together, and you can take forty percent of everything we obtain. The rest will belong to us.”

“The young master of the Lanshan clan is going too far. He’s intentionally trying to pull the Blue Sky Adventurers to his side so that they could lead them to where the divine water of the world is, but they’re only going to give up forty percent. This is unreasonable.”

“Too bad. Who let the Lanshan clan become too powerful? They control a whole third of the city, and the patriarch of their clan is a 14th Star expert. There’s not a lot of people in the city who are willing to offend them.”

“It’s rumored that the clan also has an ancestor who is over four thousand years old. He’s a 15th Star expert and has already traveled outside for several decades. I wonder if that’s true or not.”

A few people softly gossiped in the tavern. Some of them were dissatisfied with what the first young master of the Lanshan clan wanted to do while others sighed over the power of the Lanshan clan.

Anger appeared in the captain’s eyes, but he hid it very quickly. He stood up and clasped his hands to Lan Mo. He said, “It is a blessing for my Blue Sky Adventurers that young master Lan Mo has set his eyes on us. However, we have always moved independently, so I can only appreciate your kindness and turn down your offer.”

“Zhou Chuyun, I have never invited a group of adventurers before. You are the first, but I never thought you’d actually turn down my kindness. Are you looking down on me?” Lan Mo’s voice became icy.

Zhou Chuyun remained smiling, “Young master Lan Mo has misunderstood. I have no intentions of looking down on you. We are just used to moving independently.”

An armored guard walked up from behind Lan Mo. He said sharply to Zhou Chuyun, "It's a blessing for you that young master Lan Mo has invited you, so don't make the wrong choice. You must join us, or you won't be able to leave this tavern today."

The atmosphere of the tavern immediately became nervous because of what the guard said. The people there stopped what they were doing and turned to Lan Mo and the Blue Sky Adventurers.

The members of the Blue Sky Adventurers all paled. Only the two old men remained composed, as if nothing had happened at all.

Zhou Chuyun's face also sank. Since the situation had already developed to such a point, he would only appear docile if he continued to let them get their way. He coldly said, "Young master Lan Mo, my group may be far weaker than your clan, but we do not fear you. If you want to do things forcefully, we can try it out and see just who won't be leaving the tavern today."

The young master coldly sneered as he gazed past the two old men. He said, "Zhou Chuyun, do you really think that you can go up against my clan now that you've recruited two 13th Star experts? You overestimate yourself."

"At the very least, your clan cannot do anything to us before your ancestor returns. Though, your ancestor seems to have been gone for several decades already," Zhou Chuyun also became unyielding. He felt no fear.

Lan Mo's face sank and killing intent flickered in his eyes. As the first young master of one of the three great clans in the city, his status was extremely great. He had never been treated so rudely by a mere group of adventurers. He did not worry even though they possessed 13th Star experts.

The young master coldly glanced over Zhou Chuyun and the two old men. Just as he was about to say something, mocking laughter rang in from outside, "I never thought that the renowned young master Lan Mo would bully a group of adventurers, unbelievable. Though, the Blue Sky Adventurers isn't any small group of adventurers. They're not an existence that you can bully."

A white-robed young man who seemed to be in his twenties walked in from outside. He gave Lan Mo a look filled with ridicule as a few middle-aged men followed him. Each and every one of them radiated with a bold presence.

"And who did I think it was? So it's the first young master of the Kerunk clan, Ke De," Lan Mo sneered. The Kerunk clan possessed a similar status in the Divine City as his Lanshan clan. They, too, were one of the three great clans.

Ke De paid no attention to Lan Mo. He arrived at Zhou Chuyun's side and clasped his hands, "Captain Zhou Chuyun, my Kerunk clan currently is allied with the Xie clan. We are about to venture into the depths of the divine realm again. We sincerely invite captain Zhou Chuyun to join us."

"I just knew that your Kerunk clan had come with similar intentions as me. Whatever, I'll sit here and watch how you pull the Blue Sky Adventurers to your side. Though, I've heard that the large clans from Deorc City have already set off for the divine realm, for the divine water of the world as well," sneered Lan Mo. Afterward, he looked around the tavern and found that all the tables had been taken.

“Young master, allow me to find you a spot.” A guard behind young master Lan Mo stepped forward. He looked around with his sharp gaze, and in the end, his gaze landed on Jian Chen who sat by himself. Afterward, he walked to the table and loomed over Jian Chen, “Brat, this table is being used by young master Lan Mo. Leave immediately. Don’t waste the young master’s time.”

All the people in the tavern sat in groups, and they were all burly, radiating with powerful presences. Only Jian Chen seemed extremely ordinary, and he seemed relatively slender in the eyes of the guard. As a result, he seemed like the person that was easiest to abuse.

“Young master Lan Mo sure is haughty to forcefully take my spot. It’s been quite a while since this has last happened. You must be sick of living,” Jian Chen said without even raising his head. He dismissed Lan Mo’s group of people as if they were nothing.

All the people in the tavern became shocked by what Jian Chen had said. Lan Mo was the first young master of the Lanshan clan, one of the three great clans in Divine City. He was illustrious in status and also a 13th Star expert. There was actually someone who described him as sick of living, to everyone’s disbelief.

Virtually, at the same time, everyone in the tavern looked at Jian Chen. However, they found him to be extremely ordinary no matter how they observed him. He did not seem like a powerful expert at all.

“Who is he to speak to young master Lan Mo like that? He can’t be a peak-level expert who keeps a low profile, right?”

“That person’s dead for sure for insulting young master Lan Mo. I’m confident that he won’t be able to make his way out of here.”

Similar thoughts cropped up in many people’s heads.

Lan Mo’s face sank. The guard immediately bellowed out, “How dare you speak to the young master like that! Looks like you’re the one sick of living!” Blue light flickered in the guard’s hand and a trident appeared out of nowhere. He stabbed at Jian Chen mercilessly.

Jian Chen sat there calmly without even raising his head. He gently waved his right hand and the metal fork in his hand shot out as a streak of silver. It passed through the spot between the guard’s eyebrows with unbelievable speed.

Spurt!

Blood gushed out from the wound in the guard’s forehead. The fork had completely disappeared into his head, and he collapsed without even making a sound.

The people in the tavern immediately broke out into an uproar. At that moment, countless people loudly gasped. There were many people who did not think that the young man sitting there was an expert keeping a low profile, an expert who was even brave enough to kill Lan Mo’s guards.

“How did that guard die? I actually didn’t see what happened at all.”

“What did he use to kill the guard?”

Many people mumbled inside. They had not seen when Jian Chen had struck out, nor did they see what Jian Chen had used to kill the guard.

Lan Mo obviously became stunned. He had never thought that there would be someone in the city who would be bold enough to kill his guard in front of him. This had never occurred before, but his face became filled with heavy killing intent. He coldly said, "Brat, how dare you kill my guard!"

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"So what if he was killed? He completely deserved it for attacking me," Jian Chen said with an extremely indifferent tone.

"You..." Lan Mo pointed at Jian Chen as he became speechless with anger. In so many years, there had never been someone who dared to act so arrogantly in front of him. Even the first young masters of the other two clans had never acted so mercilessly.

"How dare you!" A guard bellowed from behind Lan Mo. Another six people rushed forward at the same time, attacking Jian Chen with their own weapons. The six of them were all at the peak of Heaven Saint Master, much stronger than the guard before.

Jian Chen flicked a finger and six strands of sword Qi shot out from the tip of his finger. Before they could even approach Jian Chen's table, their foreheads exploded, and they collapsed in their own blood.

In the blink of an eye, seven guards had been killed by Jian Chen. This deeply shocked everyone in the tavern.

Jian Chen did not worry about Celestial Decay since that only punished people who conducted massacres, like fiends who killed hundreds of thousands or even millions of people. It was to prevent people at Saint Ruler and beyond from recklessly fighting in packed cities, which would lead to mass destruction. He did not have to worry about just killing a few people.

Lan Mo had become stunned by Jian Chen's vicious methods, and even the people of the Kerunk clan and the Blue Sky Adventurers were the same. This was the first time someone had ever dared to kill Lan Mo's guards in the city right in front of him.

"Who is that person? Not only does he look down on Lan Mo, he has even killed several guards at the peak of the 12th Star with a single flick of his finger. He must be terrifyingly powerful, at least at the 13th Star, maybe even the 14th Star," Ke De contemplated inside as he became a little fearful.

"Hahahaha, what courage! You have my admiration. May I inquire your name?" Zhou Chuyun clasped his hands to Jian Chen from a table to the side. He was extremely bold.

"Yang Yutian!" Jian Chen replied.

"Esteemed warrior Yang Yutian, you must be interested in visiting the divine realm since you have appeared in this city. I was wondering if you would like to come with us. The Blue Sky Adventurers may not be very powerful, but we still have three 13th Star experts. If we face any danger, there'll be a better chance of surviving." Zhou Chuyun intentionally tried to pull Jian Chen to his side. He would be of great help.

Lan Mo paled in anger. Zhou Chuyun actually attempted to pull the murderer of his guards without any fear of the consequences. Clearly, he was going up against the Lanshan clan.

Jian Chen hesitated. He did not agree immediately and instead asked, "Zhou Chuyun, may I ask how much you know about the divine realm?"

"I've been here for more than two hundred years. I've entered the divine realm countless times. Although I can't claim I know the place like the back of my hand, I can say there are very few people who can rival my understanding in this city." Zhou Chuyun was rather confident. He was indeed one of the more experienced people in regards to the divine realm.

"Alright, I'll enter the divine realm with you," Jian Chen agreed. He had very shallow understanding of the divine realm and just happened to be in need of an experienced guide. Although he was very confident in his own strength, he needed to be cautious in the divine realm where even Saint Emperors had died. At the same time, the locations where the divine water of the world would appear was not fixed; it would be very difficult to find and even many 16th Star experts could return empty-handed.

"Zhou Chuyun, let's see what happens next. My Lanshan clan will definitely not let the matter end here," Lan Mo threw out a threat before leaving. He could not tell Jian Chen's exact strength, so he dared not charge up and begin fighting.

The people of the Kerunk clan also left. Now that the Blue Sky Adventurers possessed at least four 13th Star experts, where one of them was extremely likely to be at the 14th Star, they were powerful enough that even the Kerunk clan needed to treat them with importance. They needed to think through everything before acting.

"Captain Zhou Chuyun, now that there's an extra person in the group. How will we split the loot?" The human old man who had been recruited by Zhou Chuyun asked. He did not view Jian Chen with any importance.

Zhou Chuyun chuckled, "Of course by the old rules. Whoever does more will get more, so anyone has the chance at getting the most. However, you two also understand that the depths of the divine realm are filled with dangers. Even 15th and 16th Star experts can die, so it's obviously best if we can grow as powerful as we can. That way, there'll be a much better chance of staying alive."

The magical beast who had been recruited earlier glanced at Jian Chen. He said, "It really is as easy as crushing a piece of tofu for Saint Rulers to kill Heaven Saint Masters. It's nothing. Though, the depths of the divine realm aren't as peaceful as the outside world. It's extremely dangerous there. If someone makes a mistake, they can drag everyone down. Brat, keep it down low once you enter the depths. Don't be too self-righteous."

Jian Chen's gaze grew cold after hearing what the magical beast had said. He coldly replied, "I may not purposefully aim to aggravate people myself, but I don't mind killing again if someone dares to provoke me."

With that, the magical beast's face froze. He knew that Jian Chen was talking to him. What he said before was indeed scornful and possessed the intention of provoking him.

At this moment, a great energy pulsed. A huge, pitch-black octopus descended from the sky. It slammed into the streets with its hundred-meter-long body, causing the whole place to violently shake. Its tentacles were all several hundred meters long, and they danced wildly in the air. It seemed like a demon brandishing its fangs.

“It’s the master of the Bottomless Abyss, king Ju Ba. He’s never appeared in Divine City, right? So why has he suddenly come?”

“King Ju Ba’s reached the peak of the 14th star long ago, and he’s only a step away from the 15th Star. It’s said that he has been in seclusion for a hundred years ago. He has suddenly appeared now, so has he already broken through and reached the 15th Star?”

“It’s said that king Ju Ba can only assume a human form after he reaches the 15th Star due to natural limitations. He’s still in his original form, so he hasn’t reached the 15th Star by the looks of things.”

“Don’t tell me he’s come for the divine water of the world as well, that he wants to obtain the water that’s appeared in the depths of the divine realm and reach the 15th Star using it.”

The people in the streets immediately broke into a hubbub with the octopus’ arrival. Although he was only at the peak of the 14th Star, he was one of the few experts in the region. He was extremely well-known, and even the patriarchs of the three great clans needed to show him some respect.

“Who is the captain of the Blue Sky Adventurers? Step forward for me,” a heavy voice boomed out. It was deafening, and it throughout the city. Ju Ba seemed like he was looking for someone in the city, but he just happened to land outside the tavern Zhou Chuyun was in.

All the people of the Blue Sky Adventurers changed in expression. Ju Ba was someone who held supreme power in the region. He was extremely powerful. Barely anyone at the same level at him who could rival him. Only 15th Star experts could keep him at bay.

Zhou Chuyun reluctantly stepped forward. He said, “I am Zhou Chuyun. May I ask if there is anything you want from me?”

“Take me to the depths of the divine realm to find the divine water of the world you’ve discovered,” Ju Ba’s voice boomed out. Afterward, he smashed through the roof of the tavern. A thick black tentacle fell down from the sky, quickly shooting toward Zhou Chuyun.

“King Ju Ba, what’re you trying to do?” Zhou Chuyun cried out. Saint Force surged from his body as he quickly dodged.

However, the tentacle was extremely agile. It closely followed Zhou Chuyun before wrapping tightly around his waist. The powerful grip almost snapped Zhou Chuyun’s back.

Zhou Chuyun roared and forcefully swung at the tentacle with his Saint Weapon. However, he failed to even scratch the tentacle.

“Father!” The only female in the Blue Sky Adventurers involuntarily called out. She was panicking.

At the same time, the two experts recruited by Zhou Chuyun began to move. A five-meter-long spear appeared in the hands of the old man from the Sea race. He stabbed at the thick tentacle with lightning-

like speed. The magical beast's hands instantly turned into a pair of huge, terrifying claws. The sharp claws flickered with a cold light as he viciously swung them at the tentacle.

The two of them were rather powerful, both at the Fourth Heavenly Layer of Saint Ruler. Their attacks were both at full power, something that could not be underestimated.

However, when the spear and claws struck the giant tentacle, they failed to harm it at all. The toughness of Ju Ba's body was just stunning.

"Hmph, even you two shrimps want to harm me? You overestimate yourselves." Ju Ba's voice was filled with scorn. He did not even have the interest in fighting back. He started pulling his tentacle back through the roof with Zhou Chuyun in its grasp.

At this moment, Jian Chen suddenly raised his right hand. A thick sword Qi of azure and violet shot out, turning into a streak of light. It struck the tentacle at the speed of lightning.

Spurt!

Blood immediately rained down on the tavern. The tentacle that had not even been scratched by Fourth Heavenly Layer Saint Rulers was easily severed by a single sword Qi. Zhou Chuyun broke free from the tentacle's grasp, staring at Jian Chen in disbelief.

Argh!

Ju Ba shrieked in agony. A powerful killing intent began to surge, enveloping the entire city. He furiously said, "I'll make you die right here and now for injuring me!" Ju Ba had a total of eighteen huge tentacles. The remaining seventeen immediately fell from the sky, viciously striking at tavern.

Every single tentacle was extremely huge. If they all fell down at the same time, everyone in the tavern would die except for the Saint Rulers.

Jian Chen's gaze was cold. Although he was in the tavern, he understood the situation outside extremely well. He shot seventeen sword Qi with similar hues into the sky, severing the seventeen other tentacles. Blood fell down like rain from a thunderstorm, dyeing the entire street red.

Ju Ba was in agony after his eighteen tentacles had been severed. He was like a limbless person now, suffering miserable consequences.

Deep fear pervaded Ju Ba's heart. He knew he had provoked someone he could not afford to provoke. His tentacles had never been chopped off even in battle against people at the same level of cultivation, yet the person just now had severed all of them with ease. This was what terrified him.

"15th Star, it must be a 15th Star expert! What a terrifying sword Qi..." Ju Ba shivered inside. He was completely overwhelmed by fear and no longer dared to stay a single moment longer. He immediately shot into the sky, leaving Divine City. All he left behind were eighteen huge tentacles, which rested on a large group of stands, and streets filled with blood.

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The entire street fell into a deathly silence. Everyone stared at the Ju Ba's eighteen tentacles with wide eyes as their hearts churned.

In the region of the Divine City, Ju Ba was a well-renowned expert. He was known to be invincible within his own level of cultivation and had never suffered a defeat. Only the ancestors of the three great clans, who had not appeared for over a hundred years, could keep him at bay, yet someone had actually easily severed his eighteen tentacles in Divine City, such that he could not even fight back. Everyone struggled to believe this outcome.

“Are my eyes wrong? Someone’s actually chased away king Ju Ba, forcing him to leave behind his eighteen tentacles to flee. He didn’t even throw down a threat...”

“Just who is this expert? Even the renowned king Ju Ba isn’t his opponent. Isn’t that person’s strength a little too terrifying...”

“The person who severed the eighteen tentacles must be a 15th Star expert. Only 15th Star experts have the power to do something like that in the world...”

“An esteemed 15th Star experts has come to our city...”

The people in the streets only returned to their senses after quite a long time. An uproar immediately erupted and many people became emotional. 15th Star experts were not common in the sea realm since most of them would be in seclusion. Rarely would they ever come outside.

The tavern remained silent. Everyone stared at Jian Chen who sat by himself, in fright along with some unconcealable fear and respect.

The two experts that had been recruited by the Blue Sky Adventurers both became rather pale. When Jian Chen had first joined them, the two of them had spoken in a fashion where they victimized Jian Chen. Now that Jian Chen had displayed his supreme strength, they immediately became utterly frightened.

The magical beast, who had gone out of his way to provoke Jian Chen, was affected in particular. He was filled with regret. If he had known that Jian Chen was this strong, he would have never said anything like that before even if he was a hundred times bolder.

The magical beast hesitated slightly before reluctantly arriving by Jian Chen’s side with unease. He said in a deep voice, “Esteemed senior Yang Yutian, I’d like to take back what I said before and apologize to you. I hope you can be the bigger man and forgive my rudeness from before.” The magical beast was filled with sincerity. His apology came from the bottom of his heart. He understood the consequences of offending a 15th Star expert very well.

Jian Chen glanced at him, “You sure are smart. I just wanted to deal with you properly before, yet you’ve come to apologize yourself. Whatever, since you knew what to do, just punish yourself by slapping your face and then leave immediately. I’ll let you off with that.”

“I thank senior Yang Yutian’s kindness.” The magical beast felt like he had just been granted a pardon. He politely bowed to Jian Chen before decisively slapping his mouth several times. Afterward, he left quickly.

Zhou Chuyun walked over and wryly smiled, “I never thought that you’d be a 15th Star expert. I was ignorant before, failing to recognize you as someone great. Please forgive me.”

“Oi, Yang Yutian, are you really at the 15th Star? Can you tell me how you cultivated? How many years have you cultivated, and what level have you reached now? I sure do envy you. The 15th Star is a Saint King.” The only female of the Blue Sky Adventurers walked over. She stared at Jian Chen with glowing eyes as admiration crossed her face.

She seemed to be in her twenties. She was full of life and was cute with her large eyes. Although her appearance could not be described as alluring, she was still a rare beauty.

“Lin’er, do not be rude.” Zhou Chuyun glared at the woman before smiling at Jian Chen, “Sir, this is my daughter, Zhou Lin. She’s still young, so she’s a silly girl. I hope sir can avoid taking offence.”

“No problem. Captain Zhou Chuyun, let’s head to the divine realm as soon as possible,” said Jian Chen.

Afterward, Zhou Chuyun brought the members of his group with Jian Chen and left. They directly traveled to the divine realm. Though, there were only ten of them now instead of the eleven from before.

The news that Ju Ba’s eighteen tentacles had been severed by a 15th Star expert rang through the city after they had left. The news caused a huge uproar, and the three great clans obviously heard about it as well.

Lan Mo became rather pale in the Lanshan clan. He mumbled, “I never thought he was actually a 15th Star expert. Fortunately, I held back in the tavern, or I probably wouldn’t have been able to make it back to the clan safely. Only our ancestor who’s disappeared for several decades can deal with an expert like that.”

However, an icy gaze flashed through Lan Mo’s eyes. He coldly said, “The large clans of Deorc City have also received news of the divine water of the world. They’ve already sent experts over. You aren’t the only 15th Star expert.”

The divine realm was a region filled with danger. Not only was it dangerous because of the feral beasts present, there was also dangerous aspects of nature. They were oddly powerful, even Saint Rulers needed to avoid them.

Jian Chen had already entered the divine realm with the Blue Sky Adventurers. They traveled through a desolate region on ground. A mysterious force pervaded the area, suppressing Jian Chen’s presence. He could only expand it to less than a thousand meters, within the range of his vision. Even flying was suppressed. Once his feet reached three meters above the ground, he would be pressed down by a mysterious but powerful force. Jian Chen could not resist it either even with his strength.

They walked as they talked. Jian Chen also learned the name of the other human Saint Ruler that had been recruited. He was called Liu Jun.

Along the way, they came across a few ignorant beasts. They were not powerful, so they were all dealt with by Zhou Lin and the Heaven Saint Masters.

Suddenly, an odd beast’s roar rang out. Three crab-like feral beasts appeared before everyone. They were all ten meters wide and possessed long tails. Their shells all possessed a five-meter-long spike as they scurried over horizontally.

“They’re 12th Star feral beasts! This is where our job starts!” Zhou Lin happily called out. The seven other Heaven Saint Masters charged up to the three beasts in unison, becoming embroiled in a great battle soon.

Zhou Chuyun gently sighed as he watched the eight people fight the three beasts, “We were originally disciples of a medium-sized sect beyond the sea realm. Other than Zhou Lin, the seven were elite disciples. Afterward, an enemy of our sect master came knocking and wiped out the entire sect. Everyone, over five thousand people, was killed, including the sect master and several great elders.”

“During that period of time, I just happened to be training on another island with the seven of them, which was why we avoided the disaster. We came to the sea realm after that, but Zhou Lin’s mother had already died in the sect.”

Zhou Chuyun’s eyes became filled with pain. He could not bear to recall the past. It was filled with very painful memories. His heart would ache every time the past crossed his mind.

“We stayed in the sea realm for over three hundred years, always training in the divine realm. We used the items we obtained here to exchange for crystal coins so we could work hard on cultivation. After the past three hundred years, I reached Saint Ruler while the others went from Earth Saint Master to the Sixth Cycle of Heaven Saint Master. They’re now stuck at the bottleneck of Saint Ruler.”

“My greatest wish is that once my strength reaches a certain level, I want to go take revenge for my wife. I know this is almost impossible, but I have always been working in that direction.” Zhou Chuyun gazed at the horizon as determination filled his eyes.

Jian Chen said nothing, listening quietly to Zhou Chuyun’s story. He was not moved at all since stories similar to Zhou Chuyun’s had already become innumerable on the Tian Yuan Continent.

There was no principle that those who adventured would not get hurt.

At this moment, Zhou Lin and the seven others killed off the three feral beasts. They returned to Zhou Chuyun’s side dejected. They said, “What a pity. There are no thunderstones.”

Thunderstones were the material for creating quaking thunders. They appeared within the feral beasts that inhabited the divine realm, but they would not appear in every single one of them. Once filled with energy, the thunderstones would become quaking thunders.

The group of them continued on, but the sky began to darken not much later. Loud, deep rumbles of thunder rang in the distance.

“Odd, why would there be thunder here? Does it mean it’s going to rain?” Jian Chen stared at the sky out of curiosity. His face was filled with surprise. He was currently located below the sea. The barrier of the sea realm separated the land from the sea water above, but the place would not get any sun at all. As a result, it should have been impossible for storms to occur.

Zhou Chuyun and the others immediately became solemn when they saw the weather. Zhou Chuyun growled, “Sh*t, the weather of the divine realm has changed again. We better find a cave quick, or even Saint Rulers will struggle to survive.”

“Is it really that severe?” Jian Chen became even more surprised inside.

“The thunder of the divine realm is different from outside and so is the rain. The lightning here is extremely densely-packed. It’s very difficult to avoid it on flat plains, and once struck by the lightning, it will injure your soul. Heaven Saint Masters will die without exception. Even Saint Rulers can only withstand a few strikes, and if struck thousands of times, even Saint Kings may die. On the other hand, the rain here is extremely corrosive. It will eat away your body, and it can ignore any defensive energy. No matter how tough the object is, it cannot withstand the corrosion of the rain,” explained Zhou Chuyun. He quickly ran, wanting to pass through the plains and reach the mountains before the rain arrived.

Jian Chen glanced at the murky sky. He said, “We probably won’t make it. It’s going to rain soon.”

Thunder echoed in the surroundings as the deafening booms constantly rang out. The entire world was illuminated by the strikes of lightning, and lightning continued to flicker in the distance. The lightning here was much more terrifying than any other place. It would engulf a whole region of several kilometers across when it fell, sizzling every inch of the region indiscriminately. Escape would be impossible for them if the region included where they were.

Chapter 1115: Terrifying Rain

“God dammit. We sure are unlucky this time. A change of weather in the outskirts of the divine realm is rare even across a whole decade. I never thought we’d come across one as soon as we came in. It’ll be troublesome now,” Zhou Chuyun’s complexion became extremely horrible while the eight Heaven Saint Masters behind him became pale-white as well.

“Father, we’re slowing you down. Why don’t you go first? Don’t worry about us,” Zhou Lin pleaded. Despair filled her eyes. They were currently too far from the mountains, so they would definitely not make it by the time that rain fell.

“No, I will never abandon you,” Zhou Chuyun firmly promised. However, the gaze of Liu Jun beside him began to flicker. He became hesitant, wanting to move faster by himself. However, he hesitated after glancing past Jian Chen.

“Sirs, the situation is extremely urgent right now. It may be very difficult for me to accompany the two of you to the very end. You two go first; don’t worry about the two of us,” Zhou Chuyun spoke to Jian Chen and Li Jin before turning to Zhou Lin. He said with a deep voice, “Lin’er, hold hands with each other. I’ll hurry along with you, so I hope we can arrive at a safe destination before the storm begins.”

Li Jin said nothing. He continued to glance at Jian Chen. He had a 15th Star expert beside him, so it would always be much safer if they traveled together compared to traveling alone.

“Zhou Chuyun, you definitely won’t be able to make it somewhere safe before the storm arrives if you hurry along with your strength. You should let me carry you,” Jian Chen replied. Afterward, he casually waved his hand and an invisible force surrounded Zhou Lin and the other seven Heaven Saint Masters. After that, he grabbed Zhou Chuyun and Liu Jun by the hand, using the Illusory Flash to hurry along as a blur. He shot into the distance as a streak of light, moving extremely quick.

Jian Chen did not want to use the saint artifact here. The divine realm was dangerous, but it could not threaten them as long as they were a little cautious. This was why he wanted to travel through the place purely using his own strength.

The Illusory Flash was an extremely profound and mysterious movement battle skill. It was a technique that Jian Chen used often. After using it so often and constantly comprehending it through the years, Jian Chen's grasp of the Illusory Flash had expanded to become even greater than before. His speed was several times faster than used to be.

Rumble!

A deafening constantly sound rang out as lightning continuously fell. It descended upon a large region of several thousand meters across, filling it with a blinding light. The force was shocking.

Jian Chen shot through the flat plains with Zhou Chuyun and the others, carefully keeping guard against the lightning. No one knew where the lightning would fall the next moment, so they were close to being struck many times. They basically traveled as if they skimmed past the lightning, causing the Heaven Saint Masters to pale in fright.

Large droplets of rain fell from the sky. The rain was no ordinary rain; it could pass through all defenses formed from energy and eat away everything. If it fell on a person, it could burn a huge hole through them.

At that moment, everyone pulled out a huge, inch-thick shield from their Space Rings and held it above them, stopping the rain from landing on them. The tough shield actually shrank at a visible rate. The refined steel was being eaten away by the rain, and the shield would give away soon.

"The rain's getting heavier and heavier. Once it becomes a storm, our shields will dissolve in an instant," Zhou Chuyun said with a hoarse voice. Their shields could only protect them for a moment and were not enough to carry them through the storm.

Jian Chen remained silent, pushing the Illusory Flash to its utmost limits. He traveled as fast as he could, and finally, a group of mountains appeared in his vision after crossing the plains.

The rain became heavier and heavier and was coupled with the continuous rumbling of thunder. The sky dimmed, and the shield above Zhou Chuyun dissolved faster and faster. Everyone was already on their third shield.

Roar! Roar!

Beasts howled from the distance. Two huge feral beasts radiated with a bold presence as they charged toward Jian Chen through the rain. The special rain could not harm them at all.

However, Jian Chen's speed was incomparable to these feral beasts that lacked a conscience. He passed by them very soon.

With a howl of pain, the shield above Li Jin had completely dissolved. Some rain landed on him, immediately eating away his clothes. Several finger-sized holes had already been burned into him. He could not resist it even with his strength and toughness as a Saint Ruler.

Painful howls and muffled grunts constantly rang out. The other people were all struck by the rain and their bodies immediately began to dissolve. Even Jian Chen's chest was hit by some rain, burning a few small holes into his clothes. They could not harm his Chaotic Body, but they did make him feel a piercing pain.

“Just what is this rain to be so terrifying.” Jian Chen was surprised inside.

Suddenly, Jian Chen’s face changed. He raised his head to the sky and saw soybean-sized water droplets enveloping an entire region. They filled the sky and fell. It really was raining cats and dogs, like a waterfall from heaven.

“We’re done for. The acidity of the rain is even greater. It can melt through a shield instantly now. There’s nothing we can use to block it.” Zhou Lin became despaired.

Jian Chen was serious. He stared ahead fixedly. He had already caught sight of a cave positioned on the approaching mountains.

The terrifying rain continued to fall. Once drenched by the rain, all of them would lose several layers of skin if they did not die. Jian Chen was getting closer and closer to the cave right now. Every single moment counted.

Whoosh!

Finally, Jian Chen shot into the cave with the group at a crucial moment with a wild gust of wind. Almost the instant he disappeared into the cave, the terrifying rain began to pour. The sky was filled with droplets that struck the ground, erupting with a great pitter-patter.

“So close!” Zhou Lin patted her chest to calm herself down. She looked outside the cave with lingering fear. She knew exactly how terrifying the rain was, so what she just experienced was like being pulled back from death’s jaws.

The next moment, she paled. Agony crossed her face. She had been injured in several places, all due to the splashes that came from the drops rain. Everyone else suffered injuries on different levels as well.

The dim light of fire radiated in the depths of the cave. With the scuffling of steps, three middle-aged men emerged, looking at Jian Chen and the others with hostility.

Zhou Chuyun and the others became stunned, probably because they never thought that there would actually be other people present. Only Jian Chen remained cold and composed, clearly uncaring.

“Warriors, we arduously carved out this cave. It sure is easy for you coming to the cave we carved out after much difficulty. Isn’t that a little too much?” One of the middle-aged men said with a deep voice.

Jian Chen glanced over the walls of the cave. From the marks, he could tell that the cave had existed for a very long time. It was not newly dug.

As someone experienced, Zhou Chuyun could obviously tell with a single glance that the cave had not been carved out recently. He clasped his hands, “Warriors, you should know about the situation outside very well. We had no other choice either, so please forgive us if we have disturbed you.”

“If you want to seek refuge here, hand up a 14th Star thunderstone each, or please leave immediately,” one of the middle-aged men coldly replied.

14th Star thunderstones were used to make 14th Star quaking thunders. They only had a chance of appearing in the bodies of feral beasts that were at the same level.

“Do you really think that 14th Star quaking thunders are that easy to obtain? Aren’t you asking for too much?” Zhou Chuyun’s face sank.

“If you’re not going to cough up, then piss off immediately,” said a middle-aged man. His gaze was extremely sharp, as if he wanted to start fighting as soon as any disagreement happened.

With a flash, Jian Chen suddenly appeared before the middle-aged man who arrogantly spoke. Before he could even react, Jian Chen grabbed him by the neck and lifted him up. He tossed him outside without any hesitation.

“Argh!”

It was already pouring outside, so the man was doused by the special and terrifying rain in an instant. Coupled with a chilling shriek, he dissolved at a visible rate. It only took a few seconds for him to completely disappear. All that was left on the ground was a puddle of blood that mixed with the rain.

“Y- you’ve actually killed Di Fe!” The two other men changed in complexion. They looked at Jian Chen in fury and shock before running toward the depths of the cave at the same time.

Zhou Lin and the other Heaven Saint Masters all looked at Jian Chen in admiration. Zhou Lin had even arrived beside him, now hugging an arm of his. Her eyes twinkled like stars as she said, “Senior Yang Yutian, you’re just too awesome and too cool. You’re my idol.”

Zhou Chuyun and Liu Jun both looked at Jian Chen in admiration. The three middle-aged men were not powerful, but they were clearly supported by some powerful organization since they dared to cause trouble. However, Jian Chen had just tossed one of them out of the cave without any hesitation and without any consideration for the people supporting him, making him die an untimely death. Only a 15th Star expert could do something so decisively.

“Let’s go in and see if there’s any other people here.” Jian Chen suggested before walking in first.

The cave was not deep. Jian Chen arrived at the end very soon. A bonfire crackled on the ground and four old men sat in the surroundings with closed eyes. The two middle-aged men who had just fled back here sneered at Jian Chen as they hid before the four old men.

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“Seniors, he was the one who killed Di Fu. He wants to take the cave for himself and try chase the four of you out. He’s just too brazen and arrogant, so please kill this person.” The other middle-aged man righteously said as he pointed at Jian Chen.

“Seniors, it’s currently raining with devastating drops outside. That arrogant person wants to forcefully take over the cave and chase us out. He clearly holds hostile intent toward us, so we can’t allow him to stay here,” the other middle-aged man added. He twisted the truth and spun lies.

Jian Chen coldly stared at the two men. He said, “Having people like you alive within this world is unnecessary. Death is what you will rest with in the end, so let me send you on your way personally, just in case you harm even more people.” Jian Chen extended a finger and two Azulet sword Qi shot out. They disappeared through the foreheads of the two men, wiping out their souls on the spot. They could not resist at all.

Zhou Chuyun and the others also arrived at the dead end, and they just happened to see what happened. They were immediately stunned, witnessing Jian Chen's ruthless methods once again. Jian Chen killed without any hesitation.

The four old men around the fire all opened their eyes and looked at Jian Chen. Their gazes were filled with cold intent and a certain sharpness. Their gazes seemed to solidify in that instant, sharp like swords. They seemed to possess the power to puncture rocks.

"Sir, aren't you a little too heavy-handed?" One of the old men asked with a deep voice.

"People like that deserve it. They are unnecessary in this world," Jian Chen said, before taking firm strides toward the four old men.

A cold light flashed through the old men's eyes as their muscles tightened. Vast amounts of energy violently flowed within them. They were secretly making preparations for battle at any moment.

However, Jian Chen did not move toward them. He calmly walked between the four men with composed steps, arriving near the two middle-aged men who had collapsed in their own blood. He kicked them both to where Zhou Chuyun and the others were and said, "Toss the two of them out of this cave."

"Alright!" Zhou Chuyun and Liu Jun gave a straightforward response. Without hesitating, the two of them grabbed the corpses and carried them outside.

"Sir, you sure are arrogant. You need to understand that there are countless experts in the world, always someone who is stronger. You are still not invincible." One of the old men spoke with a hoarse voice. His complexion was very ugly. The four of them did not stop Jian Chen. They all felt somewhat fearful of him.

"I am indeed not invincible, but just me is enough to deal with all of you," Jian Chen glanced past the four old men, perhaps intentionally, and the sliver of a threat flashed through his eyes.

"Sir, do you want to chase the four of us out?" The four old men's complexions were very ugly. However, they remained seated around the fire.

"Not necessarily, I am not an unreasonable person. As long as you don't come looking for trouble with me, I will not come looking for trouble with you," Jian Chen replied before sitting down on a rock by himself. He closed his eyes to rest.

The four old men stared at Jian Chen for a while. They did not say anything and then closed their eyes as well. They did not pay any attention to the other people in the cave.

After dealing with the two corpses, Zhou Chuyun and Liu Jun carefully lead the Blue Sky Adventurers around the four old men. They gently arrived behind Jian Chen and pulled out recovery pills from their Space Rings. They made extremely gentle movements, afraid of disturbing the four old men.

They knew that the old men were extremely powerful and not people they could deal with. This was because the powerful presence that radiated from the four of them was enough to make them feel fear. If Jian Chen were not present, they probably would not even have the right to enter the cave.

The rain continued for three days before stopping. Jian Chen's group stayed in the cave for three days as a result. During that time, Jian Chen continued his comprehension of the Illusory Flash and the Great Divination Technique. He gained an even better grasp of the Illusory Flash, but he remained at the same level as before with the Great Divination Technique. He had obtained nothing.

Three days later, Jian Chen and the Blue Sky Adventurers left the cave. The four old men chose to leave at the same time. They did not say anything to Jian Chen and chose a different direction, separating with Jian Chen.

Without traveling for long, a great beast roar rang out. A feral, thirty-meter-long tiger-like beast lunged at the Blue Sky Adventurers. Its bloody eyes were filled with hunger, treating Jian Chen's group as prey.

"It's a 13th Star feral beast. Zhou Lin and the others, back off," Zhou Chuyun ordered with a deep voice. He sternly drew his Saint Weapon and charged up, fighting off the feral beast.

Liu Jun did not sit around either. He assisted Zhou Chuyun before slaying the beast in the end. They found a fist-sized stone within the beast's corpse.

"Thunderstone, there's actually a thunderstone. It's a 13th Star thunderstone." Zhou Chuyun excitedly picked up the thunderstone. If it was handed to a 13th Star expert and filled with energy, it would be worth quite a few grand quality crystal coins.

Everyone in the group was clearly excited by the harvest. Zhou Lin and others all praised their luck.

After that, they continued on their way, heading for the depths of the divine realm. No matter how powerful the feral beasts they came across, they were all slain, but they found an extremely low number of thunderstones. A thunderstone would not appear in every feral beast and were vastly different from monster cores in magical beasts.

Jian Chen helped out during that period of time as well. He could shoot out Azulet sword Qi with a flick of his finger, killing off several 14th Star feral beasts. There were plenty of beasts at the peak of the 14th Star as well, but there was not a single thunderstone found, much to the Blue Sky Adventurers' dismay.

Jian Chen and the other arrived at a boundless plain of seagrass. The grass there had already survived for countless years, reaching the height of trees. It could not even be described as a plain anymore but as an ancient forest formed from grass.

Danger lurked in the grass. Poisonous insects and beasts moved elusively, appearing silently at any moment and deal a life-threatening attack, so anyone who entered was in danger at all times. The place was filled with marshes as well. If someone fell into one, a force from the marsh would suck the person down. Even Heaven Saint Masters were guaranteed to die once they fell in.

These were not the only dangers in the seagrass. The greatest risk was that quite a few of the seagrass had gained consciousness. Although they were unable to think, they could form huge mouths and attack passing prey, catching them off-guard.

Once trapped in the huge mouths formed by the grass, the prey's energy would rapidly be absorbed, allowing the grass to become even more powerful. The flesh and blood would become nutrient for the plants after being devoured. Even Saint Rulers would struggle to survive once caught.

The people of the Blue Sky Adventurers really were extremely experienced. As they made their way through the grass, they did come across many dangers, but they had all discovered them beforehand due to their experience. They managed to avoid them, so the journey was more frightening than dangerous.

Half a day later, they passed through the grass. A group of mountains appeared up ahead, and from afar, they seemed like a huge dragon laying on the ground, blocking the path forward.

Afar, a group that ranged into the thirties made their way toward Jian Chen and the others. They were not weak. There were roughly ten Saint Rulers while the others were all Heaven Saint Masters.

“These are the Mountains of the Sleeping Dragon, the largest mountain range of the divine realm. It splits the divine realm in two, and past the mountains is the depths of the divine realm,” Zhou Chuyun explained to Jian Chen. His face was filled with exhaustion, which then became filled with caution after seeing the group of people making their way over.

Liu Jun and the other members had also discovered the large group. They all secretly made preparations. Killing and looting could happen anywhere in the divine realm. Only Jian Chen remained staring at the mountain range up ahead. His gaze was profound, constantly glancing at various locations of the mountains. He could feel the presences of very powerful beasts in there.

“Warriors, may I ask if you plan on entering the depths of the divine realm? If you are, why don’t you come with us? If we travel together, we’ll be able to deal with the dangers we come across more easily,” a person called out while maintaining a distance from Jian Chen’s groups.

At the same time, in another direction, four old men emerged from the grass. They stood together as they sternly gazed at the mountains.

“It’s them. They’ve actually made it here as well. Looks like they also want to enter the depths of the divine realm,” Zhou Chuyun discovered the four old men and involuntarily muttered out loud.

Jian Chen glanced at the four old men. His eyes shined, but they then dulled. It was the same four old men they had come across in the cave.

At the same time, the four people noticed Jian Chen. They all glanced over and a gleam of light flashed through their eyes, soon disappearing. Their gazes were deep, but they soon left. They did not go to climb the mountains and instead followed the foot of the mountains into the distance.

“Warriors up ahead, we’re also entering the depths. Join us. If we travel together, we will reach the depths together,” the middle-aged man from the large group called out, wanting to invite the four old men.

The four old men completely ignored him, continuing on without even looking back. Although they traveled by foot, they moved extremely quick and disappeared very soon.

At this moment, the group of people had already arrived before Jian Chen. They stood in many, smaller groups, clearly indicating they were not all together.

“Warriors, what do you think? Join us and we can enter the depths together,” the middle-aged man suggested again, inviting them sincerely.

Chapter 1117: Passing Through the Mountains

Jian Chen said nothing. He just stared at the mountains while Zhou Chuyun, Liu Jun and the others all remained quiet. Clearly, they viewed Jian Chen as their leader.

“Sir, there are many powerful feral beasts in the mountains. There are even 16th Star beasts, so it’s extremely dangerous. Since the ancient times, there has not been many people who have managed to pass through the mountains. They’ve all passed through using a single tunnel below,” explained Zhou Chuyun. He knew that this was Jian Chen’s first time in the divine realm, so he knew that Jian Chen didn’t know much.

“How much time would we roughly spend by going through the tunnel?” Jian Chen asked.

“The tunnel’s several tens of thousand kilometers away from us. We can’t travel too quickly in the divine realm and combined with the obstructions we’ll come across from time to time, it should take half a month,” Zhou Chuyun analyzed diligently.

“Hehe, it must be your first time coming to the divine realm, warrior, for you to ask questions like this. The tunnel up ahead is the only way into the depths of the divine realm. No matter how long it is, you need to pass through it. Even 15th Star experts aren’t exceptions and probably ordinary 16th Star experts won’t be enough to pass through the mountains, unless they are on par with hall elders,” an old man chuckled from the other group.

“Just join our group. We can deal with the dangers we come across together. Otherwise, you’ll probably pass away before you even get close to the tunnel if you travel alone,” said a skinny young man.

“This is already close to the depths, so 15th Star ferals beasts often lurk nearby. Once you come across them, you won’t even be able to run away. You should join us. Then we will have the power to fight back even if we come across 15th Star beasts.”

Many people in the group spoke to persuade Jian Chen and the others to join them. They could tell with a single glance that the Blue Sky Adventurers possessed a group of Heaven Saint Masters, so they definitely could not be very powerful. Possessing three 13th Star experts was already rather impressive for them.

“Sir, what do you think?” Zhou Chuyun looked at Jian Chen, waiting for him to make the decision.

Several people in the other group were immediately interested with what Zhou Chuyun asked. To lead a 13th Star expert, that person was definitely of the 14th Star. If someone like that joined their group, their overall strength would definitely increase by very much.

At this moment, many people had made up their minds. They decided that they needed to pull Jian Chen and the others into the group.

“It’ll take too long to travel through the tunnel. I want to cross through the mountains,” Jian Chen indifferently replied. Crossing through the mountains to him seemed like an extremely ordinary matter.

However, it was a clap of thunder when the other people heard his words. They all became stunned as disbelief flooded their faces. Even Zhou Chuyun and the others who had a rough understanding of Jian Chen’s strength looked the same.

Although people have crossed through the Mountains of the Sleeping Dragon before, all of them were terrifyingly powerful people without any exceptions. There were plenty of hall elders at the peak of the 16th Star among them, possessing the power to destroy the surroundings with a gesture of the hand. Did that mean that the young man who loved to appear ordinary possessed similar strength?

At that moment, Zhou Chuyun and Liu Jun began to reassess Jian Chen's strength. Crossing the mountains was definitely not something a 15th Star expert could do.

"Warrior, you can't be joking, right? Do you really want to head through the mountains?" Someone asked in disbelief.

Jian Chen paid no attention to him as he walked closer to the mountain range. Zhou Chuyun and the others hesitated before making up their minds, closely following Jian Chen to the mountains.

"These people have no sense of danger. Do they really think that they're as powerful as a hall elder? I can guarantee that they'll die without a whole corpse soon." Someone broke into laughter.

Jian Chen and the people of the Blue Sky Adventurers had disappeared into the depths of the mountains. Closely after they disappeared, an earth-shaking roar broke the silence, ringing loudly through the sky. However, it soon fell silent. No one knew what had happened.

"T- that's the roar of a 15th Star beast. Those people have probably died to it."

"They sure are ignorant. 15th Star beasts are so powerful. How could they go against one with just their strength? Look, they've been torn apart by a beast before they could even do anything."

Many people in the larger group sneered at the bottom of the mountains. There were also others who regretfully sighed. A few glorious 13th Star experts had just passed away like that.

Several dozen kilometers ahead, the four old men suddenly halted. They looked back at the mountains behind them. They had obviously been alerted by the great roar. Gleams of light flickered through their eyes as they were filled with doubt.

"Someone's entered the mountains. Is it that young man?" One of the old men asked with a deep voice. He was very serious.

"That young man looks ordinary, but he's actually a great expert who keeps a low profile. He must be a 15th Star expert."

"The roar was from a 15th Star beast. It could only manage one roar before falling silent. Has it been killed?"

"Impossible. 15th Star beasts can't be slain so easily. Probably only 16th Star experts can do something like that. Is the young man a 16th Star expert?"

The four old men discussed the situation. They were all extremely stern, and some shock and disbelief was plastered across their faces as well.

Zhou Chuyun, Liu Jin, and the others followed behind Jian Chen as they shook in fear. Their faces were filled with dread as their legs trembled.

Behind them, a huge beast lay in a pile of rocks. Its bright red blood was scattered across the ground.

A 15th Star beast might not have been invincible among people of the 15th Star, but it was still extremely powerful. However, it had been beheaded by a single stroke from Jian Chen, dying after roaring in fear.

Killing a 15th Star feral beast with a single stroke was something Zhou Chuyun and the others had never even imagined. Never would they have thought that they would personally witness something like that. They became extremely shocked, as if they were living in a dream.

Jian Chen wielded his bloody Emperor Armament up ahead as he carved out a path, steadily but firmly. He did not want to waste too much time here, wanting to pass through the mountain range in the shortest amount of time. As a result, he finished all of the beasts he came across as fast as he could.

There were many beasts that lived in the mountains. Most of them were of the 15th Star. Although they lacked the ability to think, they seemed to have gained a low level of intelligence after reaching such a level of strength. They would become rulers of their own territory.

Jian Chen advanced through the territory of many powerful beasts. He constantly fought as the power of the Emperor Armament erupted from time to time. He paved a path of blood.

In just half a day, Jian Chen had killed five 15th Star beasts and more than ten 14th Star beasts. He obtained two 15th Star thunderstones and several 14th Star thunderstones, causing Zhou Lin and the other Heaven Saint Masters to grow envious.

Jian Chen only kept the two 15th Star thunderstones, throwing the others to Zhou Chuyun. Zhou Chuyun became very excited.

14th Star thunderstones were a great fortune to Zhou Chuyun and the others, but they were useless to Jian Chen. Only 15th Star thunderstones piqued his interest.

On that day, the divine realm was very noisy. Roars of beasts constantly reverberated across the mountains, alarming countless adventurers in the divine realm. The roars caused quite a large disturbance and various discussions could be heard everywhere.

Some people were saying that a king beast had been born in the mountains. It possessed a terrifying strength and was currently engaging in battles everywhere to expand its territory. There were also others who said that a terrifyingly-powerful person had ventured into the mountain range, which shocked many adventurers.

Below the mountains, a large group of adventurers currently moved by foot. Their complexions were very horrible, glancing back from time to time. They were filled with shock and doubt.

They could hear the great beast roars from several hundred kilometers away, which caused them to be filled with shock and an uneasiness. They knew that a king beast had not been born, rather a powerful adventurer had entered the mountains.

“This is impossible. He’s actually still alive. The roars are filled with pain and fear. They sound so miserable. These are roars of despair right before death.”

“Was that ordinary-looking young man a 15th Star expert?”

“No, it’s likely he was a 16th Star expert. There have been many roars, so he’s roughly killed twenty beasts. There are 15th Star ones among them.”

People carefully analyzed the roars from the ground. They were utterly shocked. They had never thought that such a powerful expert had just brushed past them. The people who had spoken scornful remarks toward Jian Chen and the others were feeling the effects in particular. They were completely unsettled and filled with regret.

At the same time, nine black-robed men of various ages entered Divine City as they rode feral beasts. The patriarch of the Lanshan clan personally came to welcome them, politely inviting them into his clan.

The patriarch of the Lanshan clan lowered himself as he greeted the esteemed guests in an extravagant hall within the Lanshan clan.

“Experts of Deorc City, welcome to my Lanshan clan. You must’ve come for the divine water of the world,” said the patriarch.

“Correct. We have indeed come for the divine water. Patriarch, please tell us all the details regarding the matter,” a middle-aged man replied indifferently.

“Only the captain of a group of adventurers called the Blue Sky adventurers knows the location of the divine water. However, they’ve recruited a few experts and have already entered the divine realm,” said the patriarch.

The nine people from Deorc City immediately frowned when they heard that.

“I’ve planted a tracking imprint onto a member of the adventurers. I am willing to lead the way for you all.” Lan Mo walked in from outside and said to the black-robed people.

Chapter 1118: Strongest on the Mountain Peak

“Alright then, you can lead the way. We cannot delay this matter, so we will be leaving now,” said the middle-aged man who had come from Deorc City. He possessed quite some status in the group and possessed the authority to speak for the others.

The group of people set off for the divine realm as Lan Mo lead them.

“Hmph, I’ll definitely make you regret it for killing my guards. So what if you’re of the 15th Star? I have my methods of dealing with you. I’ll let the experts from Deorc City handle you,” Lan Mo coldly smiled from time to time as he lead the group toward the divine realm.

At the same time, an iron tower several hundred meters tall stood like a pillar connecting the earth and the sky in the center of a luxurious clan within a large city, several tens of thousand kilometers away. It loomed over the entire city from above.

This was the greatest clan of Bibo City, the Huangdao clan. Indubitably, they held supreme power in the surrounding radius of several tens of thousand kilometers. An old man courteously stood before a heavy metal door on the highest level of the tower. He politely said, “Ancestor, the Hundred-footed clan of Deorc City has already sent experts into the divine realm, likely to retrieve the divine water of the world.

“Hmph, I met up with that old bastard from the Hundred-footed clan a few months ago and had a great fight. I injured his soul, and it cannot be healed with regular medicine. He probably wants to find the divine water to heal his injuries. Hmph, does he really think that the water’s easy to find? Countless 16th Star experts and even hall elders have come out empty-handed in the past,” an old voice boomed from within the metal door. It was extremely weak and as soon as the person finished talking, he could not help but violently cough.

“Ancestor, are you injuries alright? Someone seems to have found signs of the divine water in Divine City. I think the Hundred-footed clan must have learned about the water from him,” the old man outside asked in concern.

“Compared to the injuries to the soul of that old bastard from the Hundred-footed clan, my wounds are much better. Since the divine water of the world has appeared in the divine realm, we can’t let the people of the Hundred-footed clan obtain it. Immediately send the grand elder with a few people to the divine realm to fight over it,” the ancestor of the Huangdao clan said.

Soon after that, a group of a dozen or so hurried out of the clan. Even the weakest members were Saint Rulers, and they were lead by two Saint Kings.

A group as powerful as this could essentially run amuck on the Tian Yuan Continent without having to worry about consequences. Even peak-level organizations were unwilling to offend two Saint Kings so easily, unless it boiled down to life or death.

However, a group of similar strength in the sea realm was only considered a decent existence. This was because the sea realm’s overall strength was greater than the Tian Yuan Continent. The numbers of Saint Emperors, Saint Kings, and Saint Rulers all exceeded amount on Tian Yuan Continent.

More and more people learned about the divine water of the world. In a radius of several hundred thousand kilometers, many powerful clans began to move. They all sent their experts to the divine realm in an attempt to get their hands on the water.

The divine water from the divine realm was an extremely wondrous treasure of the world. Not only could it completely change the constitution of people, allowing people to obtain supreme talent that was rarely ever seen, it possessed indescribable benefits for the soul. It could allow a person to undergo a qualitative increase. Although the effects would not be as obvious to Saint Kings, it still possessed extremely great benefits.

The divine water could appear at any time in the depths of the divine realm. On average, only a tiny amount would appear every thousand years, so searching for it completely depended on luck. As a result, the water became a rare treasure that was in great demand, but there was no supply.

In the Mountains of the Sleeping Dragon, Jian Chen lead the Blue Sky Adventurers and approached the highest peak in just a little more than half a day. Once they passed through there, they would have formally stepped into the depths.

Jian Chen’s Emperor Armament had been completely dyed red with blood. He purposely did not clean off the blood. Along the way, he had stepped over countless corpses of powerful feral beasts using his Emperor Armament. He had slain ten 15th Star beasts and even three 16th Star ones. Though, their

strength ranged from the Fifth to the Sixth Heavenly Layer. He obtained four 15th Star thunderstones and one 16th Star thunderstone in total.

The people of the Blue Sky adventurers had already become completely numb to Jian Chen's supreme strength. Following behind him, they did nothing for him but reaped great benefits, enough to make them go crazy from joy. This was because Jian Chen did not keep a single 14th Star thunderstone he found along the way, giving them all to them.

Their profits from that single day had already exceeded everything they had made in the divine realm in the past three hundred years.

During this time, the people at the outskirts of the divine realm were thrown into a complete uproar. The roars from 15th Star feral beasts in the Mountains of the Sleeping Dragon rang throughout most of the divine realm, allowing many people to learn that there was currently a supreme expert on a rampage in the mountains. However, none of them knew just what strength this expert possessed. Only the group of adventurers and the four old men saw Jian Chen and the others enter the mountains.

The Blue Sky Explorers followed Jian Chen from a hundred meters away, to avoid the ripples of battle from the fights with the feral beasts. Every single one of them looked at Jian Chen with gazes filled with admiration and fanaticism.

At this moment, Jian Chen suddenly stopped. He stared at a cave ten kilometers ahead for a while before turning to them, "There's a powerful beast within the cave. Stay here; I'll go deal with it first."

The members of the Blue Sky Mercenaries all replied before carefully backing off to several kilometers away. They hid behind a huge rock in the end.

Jian Chen wielded the Emperor Armament as he shot toward the top of the mountain in a blur. The feral beasts of the mountains did not possess any intelligence, but they were very territorial. Almost every single one of them would possess their own territory. As long as other people or beasts did not intrude on their territory, they would not attack even if they had discovered a target. They were clearly different from other types of beasts.

Roar!

A deafening roar boomed from the top of the mountain as soon as Jian Chen set foot in its territory. The entire mountains shook and a few boulders cracked, causing them to rain down. The terrifying sound wave caused the space there to ripple. If it were not for the toughness of the space there, that roar probably would have shattered from the single roar.

A huge, serpent dragon took to the air from the top of the mountain. It hovered ten meters above the ground, revealing its three-hundred-meter-long body. Violet scales glistened all over it in a blinding fashion as a terrifying presence enveloped all of the surroundings, radiating far beyond the mountains. It frightened all the adventurers who passed by below, all paling as a result.

In the distance, the four old men stopped. They turned their heads to the origin of the sound. They were all solemn and one of them said, "That sounds like a serpent dragon. It's one of the strongest existences within the mountains. I never thought that someone would have already reached there."

“That person’s strength is far greater than the four of us. Fortunately we didn’t end up fighting him before.”

“The most powerful existences of the mountains have almost all reached the peak of the 16th Star. They’ve stopped many 16th Star experts in the past, and some of these 16th Star experts have died to them before. I wonder if that young man can make it past them.”

“I hope that person dies to the serpent dragon, or we may face danger at any moment once he enters the depths of the divine realm.”

The four old men’s expressions all took a very bad turn. They felt pressured by Jian Chen’s strength.

Jian Chen finally became stern. He had sensed the vast presence of the serpent dragon at the top of the mountain long ago, but its true strength had far exceeded his expectations.

“Ninth Heavenly Layer of Saint King, only a step away from becoming invincible below Saint Emperor,” Jian Chen murmured. However, he felt no fear at all. He already knew from the feral beasts he killed earlier that they were powerful, but they did not possess any abilities and didn’t have much intelligence. All their movements were based off instinct, far different from human experts of the same level.

The glistening serpent dragon furiously roared from the top of the mountain. Its blood-red eyes stared fixedly at Jian Chen as it spat out a mouthful of purple flames.

Jian Chen used the Illusory Flash, and with a step, he appeared several hundred meters ahead, right in front of the serpent dragon after leaving behind an afterimage where he had been standing before. He leaped to the top of the serpent dragon’s head and stabbed down with the Emperor Armament as it emanated a dark light. The entire weapon plunged in, only leaving the sword hilt exposed.

Red blood squirted from the serpent dragon’s head. It produced a painful wail as it writhed violently in the air. It wanted to shake Jian Chen off.

Jian Chen held onto the Emperor Armament with his right hand to stabilize himself while he grabbed a few scales with his left hand. He could not be shaken off no matter how much the serpent dragon struggled.

Although the beast was at the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Saint King, it did not possess much intelligence at all. All of its movements were based off instinct, so it immediately suffered against Jian Chen who was extremely experienced in battle.

Crack!

The air cracked as a violet streak of light flashed by. The thick tail of the serpent dragon nimbly moved about, creating an explosive sound in the air. A strike from it would be extremely destructive.

Chapter 1119: Slaying the Violet Serpent Dragon

The serpent dragon’s tail viciously whipped across Jian Chen’s back. His clothes were reduced to rags in an instant as the powerful force ripped Jian Chen from the dragon’s head. His back turned to a blood mess and many of his bones broke.

The serpent dragon was just too powerful after all. It lacked intelligence, but every single attack from it was at the level of Ninth Heavenly Layer Saint Kings. Even with Jian Chen's powerful Chaotic Body, he could not withstand such attacks.

Jian Chen was thrown back five kilometers. He then flipped in the air and steadily landed on the ground. A streak of blood ran from the corner of his lips as Chaotic Force coldly surged through him. Not only did he push the Chaotic Body to its limits, he also used the Chaotic Force to quickly regenerate his injuries.

At the same time, strands of white light rose from Jian Chen's body. He used half a strand of Radiant Saint Force origin energy to heal as well; though, the glow was not very bright.

Crack! Crack!

With clear, crisp sounds that came from bones, Jian Chen's broken bones on his back quickly healed at a visible pace. Under the recovery of both Radiant Saint Force origin energy and the Chaotic Force, he regenerated at an unbelievable rate.

Jian Chen dared not be careless against a Ninth Heavenly Layer Saint King serpent dragon. He needed to use everything he had. The beast before him was incomparable to the Spectral Elder of the Yama Hall, the opponent he fought most recently.

Roar!

The violet serpent dragon let out a huge roar. It was filled with pain, and the might of a true dragon was vaguely present within it. Its three-hundred-meter-long body violently writhed, smashing into the rocks and shaking the entire mountain. Broken pieces of stone were thrown everywhere.

When Jian Chen had stabbed the head of the serpent dragon before, he had injected a sliver of Chaotic Force into its huge head. It was currently rampaging wildly and wreaking havoc on the serpent dragon's nerves, causing it excruciating pain.

However, the serpent dragon was still a powerful existence at the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Saint King. Its body and vitality were just too powerful. Coupled with the fact that it lacked an origin soul, the Chaotic Force failed to harm it as heavily as it would harm a Class 8 Magical Beast.

A bright, purple light began to glow from the dragon as terrifying energy caused the mountain peak to violently pulse. The serpent dragon instinctively used all of its energy to temporarily suppress the Chaotic Force in its head. It swung its tail, which cracked with a crisp sound in the air, as it shot toward Jian Chen in the form of a blur.

Jian Chen was still healing, but he was on guard. Almost the moment the tail shot out, he moved. Using the Illusory Flash, he shifted from where he had stood almost instantaneously, leaving in the form of a blur. He charged toward the serpent dragon up ahead fearlessly.

Boom!

The tail viciously struck the ground where Jian Chen had been standing before with a great force, immediately producing a deafening boom. The entire mountain range shook and several smaller mountains began to collapse from the vibrations.

As Jian Chen approached the serpent dragon, he leaped, wanting to jump onto its head once more and deal a fatal blow.

The serpent dragon angrily growled. It lacked intelligence, but it had suffered once already. It had obviously learned and knew that it could not let Jian Chen onto its head. It immediately swung its head to one side and spat out purple flames at the same time, bathing Jian Chen in a sea of fire.

The purple flames were extremely terrifying. Blotting out the sky, they seemed to be able to burn even air. Some of the rocks on the ground had even been reduced to flaming-red lava.

Jian Chen was in the air at this time, so he could not avoid the flames. He was cloaked by the purple flames, and the temperature was so terrifying that even his Chaotic Body was not enough to endure it. He felt intense pain all over.

Jian Chen bellowed out and Chaotic Force immediately began to gush out from the chaotic neidan within his dantian. It exited through his skin, forming a barrier outside him to block the fire. Jian Chen then raised the Emperor Armament at the sky and a supreme sword intent radiated from him. He swung out twice with lightning speed.

Two sword Qi, completely condensed from Chaotic Force, flashed out as black streaks. They broke through the flames and shot toward the serpent dragon's eyes with lightning-like speed.

Spurt!

The serpent dragon's eyes exploded. It could not help but let out a howl from the agonizing pain, causing it to stop spitting out the flames.

Jian Chen did not hesitate at all. He quickly approached the serpent dragon with his Emperor Armament and stabbed at the center of its forehead.

Even though the serpent dragon possessed a very tough defense, its body was unable to stop a full-strength blow from Jian Chen. As blood squirted out, the Emperor Armament was stabbed into its head once more, and just like last time, only the hilt was visible.

Jian Chen's eyes were cold. Without giving any time to the serpent dragon to respond. He immediately pulled out the Emperor Armament. With a tremble of his arm, he instantly stabbed out three times. The attacks seemed to barely be visible with only blurry afterimages remaining. The speed was unbelievable. As every strike entered the serpent dragon's head, a strand of Chaotic Force was deposited.

In agony, the serpent dragon began to madly struggle. Its huge head rammed into Jian Chen's body, sending him into the air.

Its vitality was just too great, and it lacked an origin soul, so it lacked a weakness. It remained just as lively as before even after sustaining so many life-threatening attacks.

Jian Chen landed on a huge rock and stabilized himself. Afterward, he suddenly pushed off and the rock immediately shattered. He shot toward the serpent dragon like a rocket as he wielded the Emperor Armament high above his head with his two hands. The Emperor Armament quickly expanded, reaching thirty meters in length in a short while. A layer of destructive Chaotic Force wrapped around it.

Jian Chen held the sword with two hands and his presence skyrocketed to the limit. With a deep growl, he swung the huge sword toward the dragon's neck.

The serpent dragon's neck immediately began to flow with blood. A quarter of its neck was chopped through, forming a vicious wound.

Jian Chen lifted his hands one more, raising the sword to the sky again. He wanted to chop down and completely behead the serpent dragon.

Suddenly, the violet serpent dragon opened its large mouth. Before Jian Chen could swing down a second time, it lunged out, after sensing where Jian Chen was.

Jian Chen had never thought that the blind serpent dragon that lacked intelligence could still sense where he was. Caught off-guard, he was bitten by the serpent dragon. One of its sharp teeth pierced through Jian Chen's chest, lodging his body in the dragon's mouth. Pain ached from his chest.

The serpent dragon's head had already become bloody. It pinned down Jian Chen with its mouth and a sharp tooth through his chest. It then began to shake its head desperately. It was trying to rip Jian Chen to pieces.

If any other Saint King ended up in the same position as him, they would have been ripped to pieces long ago. However, Jian Chen's Chaotic Body was just astounding. It forcefully resisted, and Jian Chen failed to become more injured. Though, violent pain flooded his body as his flesh was twisted.

Jian Chen furiously roared as the Emperor Armament returned to its regular size in the blink of an eye. Afterward, he swung it at the serpent dragon's tooth as hard as he could.

The dragon had closed its mouth. If Jian Chen did not break through the sharp tooth, he would not break free at all.

Although the serpent dragon was of the Ninth Heavenly Layer, it lacked intelligence and did not possess any Saint King abilities. It purely relied its instincts to fight, so Jian Chen did not need any foreign help to deal with the beast. He could kill it on his own with the Emperor Armament.

The tooth was extremely tough. Jian Chen only managed to cut through it after swinging five times, and he immediately plucked the two-meter-long tooth from his chest.

But, at this moment, he smelled a sharp putrid smell. The serpent dragon's mouth immediately wrapped around Jian Chen, who had just been freed from its head, immediately sucking him back down its neck without any time for Jian Chen to respond. It had swallowed Jian Chen whole.

The next moment, the serpent dragon's body began to violently tremble. It wailed in agony and with a spurt, a bloody hole suddenly appeared in its body. Jian Chen had punctured a meter-wide hole from inside, making it out of the dragon's body coated in blood. Afterward, he expanded the Emperor Armament to thirty meters once more and viciously struck the wound on the dragon's neck. He expanded the cut to twice the size of before, where only half of the flesh kept the dragon's head to its body.

Jian Chen did not stop at all. He swung viciously once more and the serpent dragon's wound deepened again. He then moved and disappeared from where he was standing with an afterimage.

Almost the moment he disappeared, a purple light flashed by. The tail of the serpent dragon swept over to where Jian Chen had been explosively.

At this moment, Jian Chen swung a fourth time. The huge sword chopped toward the remaining quarter of the serpent's dragon neck with a terrifying pulse of energy.

Roar!

The serpent dragon wailed miserably in a deafening manner. Its huge head was finally separated from its long body. It hit the ground with a loud thud and kicked dust into the air.

The serpent dragon did not die after it had been beheaded. Its three-hundred-meter-long body constantly writhed on the ground as its head miserably growled. The two parts quickly approached one another, trying to reconnect.

Jian Chen could not let it do as it wished. He knew that it would basically be incapacitated once the head was separated from the body, so he took a step and stopped the head from reaching the body. He continuously swung the Emperor Armament, filled with destructive Chaotic Force, at the head, turning the head into mush.

The beasts here were different from magical beasts. No matter how powerful the magical beasts on the Tian Yuan Continent were, they would immediately die once their souls were wiped out. On the other hand, the serpent dragon lacked a soul in its head, so it possessed one less fatal weakness. With its extremely great vitality, Jian Chen could only use the most primal method to kill it.

Finally, the serpent dragon stopped wailing. Its long body slowly stopped moving, no longer struggling. Its vast vitality quickly leaked away, overtaken by the presence of death.

Chapter 1120: Killers of the Divine Realm—Soaring Ants

Jian Chen could not help but let out a breath of relief he had finally slain the violet serpent dragon. Afterward, he flicked his sword up and a bloody object flew out of the serpent dragon's head. It landed heavily in Jian Chen's hand.

This was the thunderstone in the serpent dragon. It could store the power of a Ninth Heavenly Layer Saint King and deal an attack at the same level. It was only slightly worse than the Flaming Jadeites he had received from the president of the Radiant Saint Master Union.

Jian Chen put the thunderstone and his Emperor Armament into his Space Ring before sitting down nearby. Streaks of milky-white light radiated from him as he used the remaining half a strand of Radiant Saint Force origin energy to heal. He needed to make a full recovery as soon as possible.

The huge hole in Jian Chen's chest, which had been created by the dragon's tooth, healed at a visible rate. His flesh was regrowing.

Far away, Zhou Chuyun and Liu Jun walked over with the other Heaven Saint Masters with mixed feelings. They all paled when they saw the headless serpent dragon on the floor.

This was one of the most powerful beasts on the peak of the Mountains of the Sleeping Dragon. Even though it had not reached the peak of the 16th Star, it was not far off. It was just as powerful as the hall

elders of the three factions in the sea realm. They felt extremely great shock when they witnessed its corpse.

“This serpent dragon isn’t weak, and every single part of it is a treasure. Clean it up first. You will have your share of it,” Jian Chen suddenly spoke to them as he healed. He needed to make a full recovery as fast as possible, so he could not bother with the corpse for now.

Zhou Chuyun and the others ravished in joy. They hurriedly thanked him before immediately beginning to carve up the corpse.

However, the serpent dragon’s flesh was just too tough. Even though it was dead, they found it extremely arduous to clean up.

Suddenly, a thunderous rumble rang through the air. The sky of the divine realm began to darken once more and thunder constantly rumbled. A streak of lightning would flicker through the clouds from time to time, shining with blinding light and illuminating the entire sky.

Jian Chen opened his eyes and looked at the dark sky. He immediately frowned and stopped healing. He drew his Emperor Armament from his Space Ring to help clean up the serpent dragon.

With Jian Chen, the clean up process obviously became much faster. Jian Chen pulled out the tendons and dug out its heart. Jian Chen removed every single of its violet scales. The scales were extremely tough. If they were made into armor, the armor would even be able to block attacks from a Saint Ruler. The scales were even resistant to the full-powered attacks from those below the Fifth Heavenly Layer of Saint King, so they were an exceptional treasure to weaker people.

An armor made from the scales would be very tough, but it might not be able to protect the life of the person wearing it. All it provided was a greater defensive strength. A Saint Ruler with armor made out of the scales could be shaken to death by the absolute force of a Saint King, even if the Saint King could not puncture the armor.

Besides those items, Jian Chen also stored up quite a lot of the dragon’s blood using jade bottles from Zhou Chuyun. The jade bottles were similar to Space Rings; they did not seem to be very big, but they contained huge interiors, able to store several thousand liters of liquid.

The blood of serpent dragons was extremely valuable as well, especially when it came from one who had reached the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Saint King. By bathing in it, Heaven Saint Masters and those below could strengthen their bodies, but it was not very effective for Saint Rulers who already possessed tough bodies.

The layer of clouds in the sky sank lower and lower. It was about to pour.

Jian Chen knew he did not have much time left. In the end, he carved up a huge piece of serpent dragon flesh before hiding in the huge cave that the serpent dragon had inhabited.

Rain began to fall soon after that. The acid rain landed on the remains of the serpent dragon, and the remains immediately began to dissolve at a visible rate. All of it disappeared very soon. No residue was left behind.

Jian Chen immediately became perturbed when he saw this. He could still remember last time when he was hurrying along with the Blue Sky Adventurers and their steel shields. At that time, there had been several beasts who thrived in the rain without suffering any injuries. The rain posed no threat to them at all, yet the serpent dragon's corpse was dissolving. This made him very confused.

Zhou Chuyun gave an explanation after seeing Jian Chen's puzzled expression, "Esteemed warrior, the rain of the divine realm cannot harm the beasts that live in it, but it can dissolve their corpses. The rain can also dissolve all foreign objects brought in. Only things that are native to the divine realm are unaffected."

"Does that mean if I chop off a piece of rock and carry it over my head, it will block the rain?" Jian Chen asked.

"Correct. You can do that, but it's still too dangerous. Virtually no one dares to do that because the rocks here are not indestructible. A battle will occur when you come across a beast, and it'll become dangerous once the rock shatters. Also, the weather of the divine realm is different from outside. It's wet and windy here, so some of the water on the ground can even be swept up by the gusts. As a result, it's not safe even when you hide under a rock. The best method is to avoid the weather in a cave," explained Zhou Chuyun. Afterward, he painfully watched the serpent dragon's flesh dissolve and said, "What a pity. So much serpent dragon flesh has just been wasted. It can be sold for quite a lot outside."

Jian Chen finally understood. He then split a small portion of the blood and flesh he had obtained with Zhou Chuyun and the others, before settling down on the floor by himself to heal.

The rain stopped the next day. Jian Chen lead the Blue Sky Adventurers as they continued on their way through the mountains toward the depths of the divine realm. He had made a full recovery with his Chaotic Force and Radiant Saint Force origin energy, back in peak condition again.

The way down the mountains was much easier. Although they still came across feral beasts from time to time, they were nowhere near as powerful as the serpent dragon. They were almost all of the 14th or 15th Star. The corpses of these feral beasts were relatively ordinary, nowhere near as valuable as the violet serpent dragon. Even the people of the Blue Sky Adventurers did not bother with cleaning them up.

"Zhou Chuyun, where did you find the divine water of the world in the depths of the divine realm?" Jian Chen asked Zhou Chuyun as they made their way down. They had formerly stepped into the depths now.

"Esteemed warrior, it's best if you let me identify where we are since we entered the depths via a different path this time. I need to find the marks I left behind," Zhou Chuyun replied.

"Alright, you can lead the way. I'll deal with the feral beasts that come looking for trouble along the way. When we find the divine water, there'll be your share," Jian Chen said to Zhou Chuyun.

All of them continued on their way, but the person in front was now Zhou Chuyun.

At the same time, the Hundred-footed clan from Deorc City had entered the divine realm as well under Lan Mo's guidance. Lan Mo used a secret technique to detect where the Blue Sky Adventurers were, and he became stunned with that. He mumbled, "How is that possible? They've actually reached the depths

of the divine realm already. How did they travel so far in such a short amount of time? Isn't this just too fast?"

"There must be an expert leading their group, or how else can they travel so quickly? We need to speed up since they've already reached the depths of the divine realm. Let's go." an old man indifferently spoke from within the group before immediately shooting toward the depths.

Soon after the people of the Hundred-footed clan entered the divine realm, the group of experts from the Huangdao clan of Bibo City had arrived as well. They were lead by a 15th Star expert, also heading toward the depths.

In the blink of an eye, three days passed. Jian Chen had moved through the depths with the Blue Sky Adventurers during that time, and they had come close to danger many times. Just the beasts that ambushed them reached a dozen or so. The weakest was of the 13th Star, and there were quite a few 15th Star beasts.

Suddenly, the buzzing sound of wings rang out from all direction. Jian Chen's group could not help but stop.

"What is this sound?" Liu Jun looked around at his surroundings. He became rather stern. Even 15th Star experts could die in the depths, so they needed to be cautious.

Jian Chen also looked around, but he found nothing. His presence was unfortunately suppressed, so he could only expand it a thousand meters away. It was no further than what he could see.

The buzzing became louder and louder, basically blanketing the entire region. A huge, black mass gradually appeared before everyone. It was present everywhere, surrounding all of them.

"That's a group of jade-green flying ants. The smallest are fist-sized while some can reach up to the size of grown men." Jian Chen's vision was much better than Zhou Chuyun and the others, so he could identify what the black mass was from very far away. He felt troubled. He had discovered that there were far too many flying ants. They were packed together and basically blotted out the sky.

Zhou Chuyun's and Liu Jun's expressions drastically changed when they heard that. Deep fear appeared in their eyes, and they involuntarily cried out, "Sh*t, it's the legendary killers of the divine realm, the Soaring Ants. There's an endless number of them and their bodies are tough like steel. They feast on energy and are immune to all energy attacks. They can ignore Saint Ruler and Saint King abilities. Retreat, retreat quickly. We need to retreat out of the Soaring Ants' territory immediately, or even people as powerful as hall elders will be devoured."

Jian Chen's expression also changed. Immune to all energy attacks and able to ignore spatial abilities, Saint Rulers and Saint Kings just lost their greatest advantages before these Soaring Ants.

All those below Saint Ruler were ants. The reason why that saying was valid was because all Saint Rulers had a basic grasp on spatial manipulation and possessed the capability to gather World Force, yet these abilities were useless against the Soaring Ants.

All of them turned around and began sprinting off in the direction they had come. However, they had already been encircled by the Soaring Ants, so they came up against a wall of Soaring Ants whichever direction they ran.

The Soaring Ants were not powerful on their own. They were only possessed around the strength of an Earth Saint Master, but there were just far too many of them.