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Chapter 161: Battling the Class 5 Magical Beast

Seeing how Jian Chen continued to get closer, the two tired Class 5 Magical Beasts grew even more frantic. If they were at their peak conditions, then they naturally wouldn't put a Peak Saint Master within their notice, but at this moment they were at anything but their peak condition. After such a furious battle, the two were clearly very injured and could do nothing. Even their inner energy had been completely used up. In such a state, a Saint Master, or even a Great Saint would be able to come up to them and kill them.

The two magical beasts struggled for a moment, seemingly trying to stand. However, despite their efforts, they weren't able to do even accomplish this extremely simple task.

With this pitiful display, the heart that was struggling to leap out of Jian Chen's throat finally began to calm down a little. However, he still continued to maintain a great amount of vigilance just in case something else happened.

Continuing to walk closer and closer to the magical beasts, Jian Chen had quickly gotten within 30 meters of the two. Now that he was even closer, the amount of vigilance Jian Chen had increased greatly.

"Hou!" At this moment, the snowy white colored dog like magical beast began to snarl once more. A large amount of energy gathered within its mouth before compressing to form a sphere of energy as the magical beast warned Jian Chen with its eyes.

The other cow like magical beast stared firmly at Jian Chen as the wings on its back began to shake with a fierce amount of energy emanating from it.

Jian Chen's forward advancement began to falter as he sized up the two injured magical beasts with a critical eye. Seeing how the two were gathering energy, it felt as if they were ready to take action if he got any closer.

Jian Chen had started to hesitate, despite seeing how injured these two magical beasts were, they were still emitting a strong amount of pressure at him. Just faintly, Jian Chen could detect an extremely dangerous amount of Qi radiating from the two Class 5 Magical Beasts.

The two magical beasts and Jian Chen stared nervously at each other for a moment before Jian Chen's body suddenly swayed a moment and disappeared into a blur. He had quickly charged toward the snowy white dog like magical beast with a large amount of Saint Force bursting out from within as he pushed his speed to its limits.

The short 30 meters dividing him and the magical beasts had quickly become non-existent as Jian Chen flew over in a split second. Just as Jian Chen approached the dog like magical beast, his right arm shook in a smooth movement as the Light Wind Sword stabbed straight down at its belly with a sharp amount of Sword Qi enforcing the blow.

"Hou!" The Class 5 Magical Beast wasn't slower than Jian Chen, and the moment he had reached it, the sphere of energy gathered within the magical beast's mouth was spat out at tremendous speeds toward Jian Chen's chest.

At that moment, Jian Chen took back his sword and immediately dodged to the side with a tremendous amount of effort, causing the sphere of energy to fly towards the side of him.

It was a shame that this sphere of energy was traveling far too fast. Despite Jian Chen's effort to dodge the sphere, he wasn't able to completely avoid taking damage. Originally the sphere had tried to slam against Jian Chen's chest, but since Jian Chen had moved his body, it had struck firmly against his left shoulder.

"Bang!"

The sphere of energy was only the size of a small fist, but the amount of energy it contained was terrifying. As a result of the sphere smashing against Jian Chen's left shoulder, his entire body was sent flying backward.

After flying 10 meters into the air, Jian Chen crashed down onto the ground and rolled away painfully before slowly reaching a painful stop. His face began to shake and started to drain of blood as a fierce amount of pain could be felt coming from his left shoulder.

Jian Chen's clothes around his shoulder had been completely shredded because of that sphere of energy. At the same time, the entire top part of his body was in agony as his left shoulder had become mutilated to the point where the bones could be seen and blood continued to flow from his wound freely.

Jian Chen tried to resist the intense amount of pain from his left shoulder as even moving it had tormented him. Standing up painfully, Jian Chen's eyes swung toward that dog like magical beast.

After that magical beast had attacked, the expression it had wilted as its eyes dimmed in luster. It appeared that the attack it used had used up the last of its energy so in its current condition, it was even more tired than before.

Despite the attack having caused a serious amount of damage to Jian Chen, it had not impacted his movements all that much. With a small blur, Jian Chen had already moved toward the magical beast once more with the Light Wind Sword out and ready to strike with its Sword Qi.

"Keng!"

Just as the Light Wind Sword lashed out, a white colored blur slammed firmly against the blade of the Light Wind Sword and caused it to divert from its original trajectory and stab into nothing but air. Immediately, Jian Chen looked at the blur but he wasn't able to figure out what exactly had block his sword before feeling another source of pain on his chest.

"Deng deng deng..."

The fierce amount of attacks on Jian Chen caused him to stumble a few steps back as he felt a scorching pain on his chest. Tilting his head down, he saw that his chest had turned a very deep red and blood had started to leak from it.

Forcibly swallowing the blood in his throat, Jian Chen looked at the Class 5 Magical Beast on the ground only to see the long tail of it swaying feebly behind it. It was this tail that had just attacked Jian Chen.

“Hmph, I didn’t think I’d come across such a strong resistance against these Class 5 Magical Beasts, but today I will definitely take your monster core.” Jian Chen bit his lip before letting his Light Wind Sword separate itself from his hand and fly toward the magical beast.

Against such a swift Sword Qi, the Class 5 Magical Beast was powerless to dodge and could only try and endure the incoming strike.

The Sword Qi accurately shot through one of the wounds of the magical beast, causing the entire body of the beast to tremble. There was no hesitation in Jian Chen’s movements, moving forward with his Light Wind Sword, his weapon struck the beast in the throat.

“Pch!”

This time the dog like magical beast had already used up all of its energy to the point where even its tail wasn’t able to be moved.

The Light Wind Sword met no obstruction as it stabbed deeply into the magical beast’s throat. Then, the sword slid straight through the neck and then into the ground beneath it.

Chapter 162: Smooth Killing

Seeing the Class 5 Magical Beast finally take damage, Jian Chen let out a breath in relief. The strength of a Class 5 Magical Beast was indeed strong to where even a Peak Class 4 Magical Beast was nothing more than an annoying ant to them. Against a heavily injured magical beast that couldn’t even muster up the energy to stand, even Jian Chen had somehow sustained a grievous amount of damage.

Just as Jian Chen let out a breath of air, an intense amount of energy suddenly came toward him. Jian Chen’s face grew shocked as he immediately looked up only to see a meter long crescent shaped blade of wind come at him from the other magical beast’s wings. This crescent shaped blade of wind carried so much energy that it caused Jian Chen to become even more serious.

Jian Chen’s expression became grim as he rolled to the side without any further hesitation to dodge the blade of wind. The crescent shaped wind flew by Jian Chen’s hair, causing a few strands to fly away after being cut.

The crescent continued on at an extremely fast speed that destroyed anything in its path without mercy. Finally it flew a hundred meters into the ground exploded with tremendous force causing dirt and dust to be kicked up into the air.

With his body violently moving in such a way that his left shoulder had smashed into the ground several times after rolling, the pain he felt surged through his body intensely and caused his nerves to be tormented. The skin continued to spasm as he grit his teeth in pain and tried to resist the sensations. Right now there was only one Class 5 Magical Beast left who was glaring angrily because Jian Chen had managed to only get away with an injury.

Then, the cow like magical beast with black fur began to gather up energy once more as the wings on its back began to emanate a sort of black glow. The amount of energy floating around the area quickly went from weak to strong, the energy near the wings was even stronger. However, the glint in the magical beast’s eye grew even dimmer and before long, it wasn’t even able to muster up the energy to keep its eyes completely open anymore.

Sensing the strong amount of energy come from the wings of the Class 5 Magical Beast, Jian Chen couldn't help but retreat a few steps backward with a heavy face in preparation to dodge the incoming attack.

"Hou!" The magical beast roared with an extremely loud voice as if it was warning Jian Chen once more to not advance. He could see in the magical beast's eyes that it was in a completely weakened state. Yet the energy condensed on its wings was ready to fire like a drawn bow. This was the last opportunity for the magical beast to live, the energy within this attack was all that was left of the magical beast's supply. If this attack missed, the magical beast would be nothing more than a lamb to the slaughter.

Jian Chen's legs took a few steps backward as he stared intensely at the magical beast with even more vigilance than ever. At this moment, the Light Wind Sword abruptly flew from Jian Chen's hand high into the air toward the magical beast and then over it before turning around to strike at it from behind.

Just as Jian Chen was about to make his move. The wings on the magical beast began to tremble as a huge crescent shaped blade of wind blew toward Jian Chen.

Jian Chen had already anticipated such a move, and when the magical beast shot out the crescent shaped gust of wind, he rolled on the ground once more. Carefully making sure that his left shoulder wouldn't drag across the ground, he dodged the attack.

Soon after it attacked with its wings, the magical beast looked as if it had lost every bit of energy it had. The bright colors in its eyes lost its luster and adopted a weary look.

At the same time, the Light Wind Sword in the air began to tremble as it fell down with a tremendous amount of Sword Qi radiating from the entirety of its blade. Soon enough, the entire sword was wrapped within a light glow.

Bathed within the white glow, the Light Wind Sword's blade couldn't be seen from the outside, making it seem very mysterious. Immediately following the sound of the sound barrier being broken, the Light Wind Sword flew toward the back of the magical beast with a tremendous speed.

"Kacha!"

The loud sound of a collision could be heard as the extremely sharp point of the Light Wind Sword broke through the skull of the magical beast and inserted itself deeply into its brain.

"Hou~~~"

The magical beast let out a miserable scream that rang through the air and even shook the eardrums of Jian Chen with its vibrations.

The vibrations began to weaken after some time before disappearing completely along with the remaining light in the magical beast's pupils. Quickly, the eyelids of the magical beast closed off its eyes to the world.

With some effort, Jian Chen crawled up from the ground unsteadily with a pale face as he looked at the Light Wind Sword that was impaled in the magical beast's skull. He couldn't help but have a victorious smile adorn his face at this fortunate sight.

“It finally died, the strength of a Class 5 Magical Beast is indeed strong. I didn’t think two heavily injured Class 5 Magical Beasts would require so much effort to kill. It seems that the last encounter with the Golden Fur Tiger King wasn’t the full extent of its strength.” Jian Chen murmured weakly.

Afterward, Jian Chen walked toward the cow like magical beast and pulled out his sword from the head. Sitting down, he began to gather the Radiant Saint Force within the World Essence and condense it within his body.

He wasn’t in any serious rush to deal with the corpses of these two magical beasts. In the first place, his body wasn’t in any condition to work with the carcasses. There was also the fact that there may be other magical beasts in the vicinity, so Jian Chen’s first priority would be to quickly hurry up and heal himself.

Since Jian Chen had broken through to become a Peak Saint Master, his spirit had also increased as well. He could now control the Radiant Saint Force for not only a longer amount of time, but also a larger quantity of it as well.

This time, the wound on Jian Chen’s shoulder was very serious. The intense energy that struck his shoulder had even fried some parts of his wound, so even with the Radiant Saint Force, the wound would take some time to heal.

After 4 hours, the milky white glow that surrounded Jian Chen gradually dissipated, revealing Jian Chen’s body inside. His face was somewhat pale despite looking better than the condition he was in before. After using the Radiant Saint Force to heal such a wound for 4 hours, he was rather exhausted, but at the very least, he wasn’t feeling extremely drowsy like he used to feel.

Using the Radiant Saint Force for 4 hours had a very mysterious effect. The wound on his shoulder had already fully healed without even a single blemish showing on his skin.

Chapter 163: Leaving the Magical Beast Mountain Range

Jian Chen slowly opened his eyes from his cross-legged meditation position. Turning his head to look at the wound that used to be there on his left shoulder, he raised a hand to gingerly touch the new skin over it. Feeling the skin without noticing any strange peculiarity with it, Jian Chen could only sigh in admiration of the effects of the Radiant Saint Force.

Jian Chen tore off his damaged clothing to reveal his blood splattered body underneath. Then, using the pieces of clothing he had ripped off, he began to wipe away the blood.

Slowly standing up, Jian Chen’s eyes looked at the corpses of the two Class 5 Magical Beasts on the ground with a profound look. “Based on the appearances, this snowy white magical beast must be the Quick Cloud Beast. The books said that the body of a Quick Cloud Beast was small, but was unnaturally nimble with fur that resembled the clouds above in the sky. And this other magical beast with wings on its back, this must be the Magical Skywing Cow. The wings on its back can only be used to attack, and cannot be used to fly with.” In a flash, Jian Chen had remembered the information he had seen back in Kargath Library to identify the corpses in front of him.

“The Magical Skywing Cow’s monster core is hidden underneath the wings I’m sure, and the Quick Cloud Beast has its in its skull.” The Light Wind Sword appeared in Jian Chen’s hands before it quickly stabbed into the body of the Quick Cloud Beast and dug around in its head.

After some effort, the monster core of the Quick Cloud Beast was extracted, causing the dog like magical beast, in the end, to resemble something grotesque.

This Quick Cloud Beast was a Class 5 Magical Beast, but because of their specie type and limited potential, their body was never able to grow past 2 meters unless they reached the Class 6 level. Because of this, even the monster core within their body was only the size of a walnut.

After extracting the Quick Cloud Beast’s monster core, Jian Chen moved onto the Magical Skywing Cow and used his Light Wind Sword to stab into the area below the wings for the monster core. Then with a great amount of effort, he finally extracted the monster core from its body; in contrast to the other monster core, this one was half the size of a fist.

Jian Chen dried off the blood from both monster cores using the ripped of pieces of his shirt before revealing two sparkling pieces of crystal like items.

Feeling the amount of energy hidden away within the monster cores, Jian Chen couldn’t help but feel a little fearful inside. It was no wonder there was such a difference between a Class 5 and a Class 4 Magical Beast– just looking at the monster cores anyone could clearly tell the difference. In comparison to a Class 4 Monster Core, a Class 5 Monster Core had an extreme qualitative leap that would be incredibly difficult to try to make a comparison with.

Also, despite the 2 monster cores coming from different magical beasts, the amount of energy contained inside was hardly any different.

“With just these two Class 5 Monster Cores alone, I suspect that they will last me a very long time as I cultivate with them.” Grasping both Class 5 Monster Cores in his hand, Jian Chen couldn’t help but feel happy. In his heart, this was nothing but good fortune.

The happy mood continued for another small moment before becoming tranquil once more. Taking out his Space Belt, he placed both Class 5 Monster Cores and the corpses inside.

The carcasses of a Class 5 Monster Core was very valuable, so Jian Chen couldn’t abandon them like he did the Class 3 or Class 4 Magical Beasts. With these two carcasses alone, Jian Chen could sell them for a high price since any corpse of a Class 5 Magical Beast or higher was usually an object that had no standard price in any city. The reason was because the blood and meat of a magical beast of such a high class was good for the body when consumed. The high quality meat of a magical beast could even increase one’s strength or alter the body in a certain way.

The bigger of the two magical beasts here was the Magical Skywing Cow which was around 4 meters big. Meanwhile, the Quick Cloud Beast was only a meter wide, so Jian Chen could just barely fit them both into his Space Belt.

After storing away the two magical beasts into his Space Belt, Jian Chen took out another set of clean clothes and put it on. Although he hadn’t left the Magical Beast Mountain Range in a long time, the amount of clothes he had taken from the other mercenaries wasn’t lacking.

After taking care of everything, Jian Chen immediately left the area. Although the fight between two Class 5 Magical Beasts had scared away all of the surrounding Class 4 Magical Beasts, he wasn't completely sure there were not other Class 5 Magical Beasts that might have wandered closeby.

If one more Class 5 Magical Beast came, Jian Chen wouldn't be able to fight against it at all. Even with his Peak Saint Master strength, he didn't even have any confidence that he could run away from a Class 5 Magical Beast. Unless he were to come across a species that was particularly slow, otherwise he wouldn't have a chance to escape.

In a flash, another half month had gone by.

In the depths of the Magical Beast Mountain Range, Jian Chen stabbed through the heart of a cyan colored python and extracted its monster core. Then, he grabbed a handful of the grass below to wipe off the blood on it.

"This half month I've only collected ten Class 4 Monster Cores. For the sake of my cultivation, I should keep some just in case. For now, instead of trying to increase my strength, I should try to resolve any issues within my body. Otherwise, the berserk elements within the monster cores may cause some sort of issue. In any case, I should leave this area and take a look at the situation on the outside." Jian Chen cleaned off the rest of the blood on the fist sized Class 4 Monster Core as he finished talking.

"Besides, I'm still carrying the final wishes of Kendall. I must find his family quickly."

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Leaving the Magical Beast Mountain Range, he traveled for another two days after passing through the forests and killing countless numbers of magical beasts and wild beasts before finally coming to a large grassland.

Jian Chen didn't return to Wake City because Tianxiong Lie of the Tianxiong Clan possessed an Earth attribute Saint Force. With that Earth Saint Force, he held the superior defensive advantage over Jian Chen's nimble sword play. Not only that, but Tianxiong Lie's strength was also at the Peak Great Saint Master, so until that man was dead, Jian Chen wouldn't want to carelessly walk back there.

Also with the Tianxiong Clan being one of the hegemonies in Wake City, they surely must have many personal connections despite their heavy losses in the Magical Beast Mountain Range. The moment Jian Chen came back, he may or may not come across another Great Saint master, or even be encircled by multiple Great Saint Masters.

Chapter 164: Group of Prairie Wolves

At this moment, there was a flash in Jian Chen's eyes before he suddenly stopped. Right in front of him, Jian Chen could detect the movements of something going through the grass.

There was a cold glint in Jian Chen's eyes as he surveyed the patch of grass in front of him. His ears twitched as he continued to listen for the smallest sounds of movement in his surroundings.

A look of disdain adorned Jian Chen's face as he flew in the direction that the noise of the movements was coming from.

Within a few breaths, the sounds of movement could be heard even louder than before, to the point of being able to hear them even without paying attention. Plus, the shaking within the grass could be clearly seen now, almost as if the wind was blowing in a specific area. Suddenly, a countless number of shadows flew out from behind the tall grass.

Jian Chen was very calm as he walked forward. In his right hand the Light Wind Sword condensed into existence as he grabbed it.

“Hao!”

At this moment, the sound of a wolf could be heard as a blue colored figure leaped out from the grass toward Jian Chen.

Without even a sideways glance, Jian Chen shook his right arm slightly as the blue figure flew closeby him. The Light Wind Sword in his right hand became a streak of silver light as he walked past the flying creature.

Just as the blue colored figure leaped out at him, it abruptly fell to the ground. Looking down, all Jian Chen could see was a blue colored wolf with a stream of blood leaking from its throat.

Just as this wolf fell to the ground, a barrage of wolves flew out from the tall grass at Jian Chen. One of them opened its large jaw wide, causing the irony scent of blood to waft out and attack the nose to an unbearable degree.

Still with a calm expression, Jian Chen continued to stab out with his sword at lightning quick speed as he struck each incoming wolf fatally in the throat.

These Blue Wolves were only at the Class 1 to 2 level, so Jian Chen didn't feel threatened by them at all.

From behind the cover of the tall grass, Blue Wolves continued to leap out as they charged at Jian Chen. However, Jian Chen's forward pace didn't falter even a single step as he brandished his weapon in a web of sword strokes. Each and every second his sword would swing out around him, and with each swing, another wolf was struck fatally.

The amount of Blue Wolves hidden in the grass numbered within the thousands as they formed a circle around Jian Chen that was around 100 meters in circumference. Now that Jian Chen was firmly sealed in, the Blue Wolves could stalk quietly behind the tall grass, yet while Jian Chen could easily kill a Blue Wolf, there was only 20 of them dead by his hands.

Although he realized just how many Blue Wolves were around him, Jian Chen still didn't seem to take it seriously. Against a group of Class 1 or Class 2 Magical Beasts, Jian Chen could easily kill each of them in one strike without wasting any energy at all.

Even if a group of mercenaries were to come across this pack of Blue Wolves, they would definitely have a headache after dealing with them, even if they had a Great Saint Master with them. A class 2 Magical Beast would have an extremely difficult time hurting a Great Saint Master, but when there was a thousand of them, they wouldn't just stand around and let you kill them, they would all come in for the kill.

Within the prairie, these Blue Wolves were a very common sight, but after killing countless Blue Wolves, the Light Wind Sword in Jian Chen's hands was almost like the scythe of the god of death, mercilessly reaping the lives of the magical beasts. Without exception, each and every wolf that leaped at Jian Chen had its throat stabbed mid roar. Even in midair, they were unable to escape the rapidness that was Jian Chen's scythe like sword.

Behind Jian Chen, the massive amount of blood had already turned into a single line that splattered on top of the tall grass. As for the Blue Wolves' bodies, they were all neatly piled up on top of each other in a single line.

Despite this indiscriminate slaughter by Jian Chen, the wolves leapt out from the tall grass one by one in an endless stream, almost as if they weren't afraid of injuries or death. In the eyes of any spectator, it was almost like Jian Chen was a hated enemy that they were ready to die for in order to kill...

The blood of the Blue Wolves continued to splatter into the air as the Light Wind Sword covered the sky with its blade, and after being mixed with blood, the shine of the sword was unmistakably distinguishable.

Jian Chen's body didn't have any unnatural movements. From the start of this massacre to now, he had calmly continued on in a single line without the Blue Wolves being able to attack him from the front or back. Yet, they were also unable to stop his forward momentum

This massacre continued for another hour, and not too long after, Jian Chen had already killed several hundred Blue Wolves without a single speck of blood landing on his body.

"Aoooo~~~"

At this moment, the fierce snarl of a wolf came from behind. It was a command for the wolves that immediately called each wolf in the front of the circle to retreat behind, leaving behind several hundred corpses without a single trace of their retreat.

The pack of wolves had come quickly, but they had also left quickly. In the blink of an eye, not a single trace could be seen of the Blue Wolves, except for the blood of the hundreds of dead that left a single path on the ground.

Seeing how the wolves had retreated, Jian Chen took back his Light Wind Sword. Despite this extensive close ranged combat, Jian Chen's face wasn't red, and neither was he breathing hard.

"The rumors said that the magical beasts in the prairie were unnaturally vicious, it would seem that this rumor is true. Each wolf came at me with no regards for its life or any fear either." Jian Chen thought to himself.

Even after that ordeal, Jian Chen's direction didn't change as he continued to walk down a single line. With all the corpses behind him, he didn't pay any attention to them since they were only Class 1 and Class 2 Magical Beasts. Despite the amount of bodies, a person of Jian Chen's strength didn't care for it since it wasn't worth the time spent harvesting and storing away the bodies. This was certainly not a task Jian Chen had wanted to waste time doing.

The area of this grassland was expansive, so Jian Chen could walk for 2 days before he would finally reach the end of the area which turned into a desolate piece of land. After walking for another 4 hours,

he finally made his way to an official road where he could see the left over marks of a carriage that had driven by.

On the road, a small group of caravans were slowly advancing in the direction of Jian Chen.

Chapter 165: Mysterious Person

Looking at the group, Jian Chen could clearly distinguish their figures despite being thousands of meters away.

That was because the group only had 10 caravans and personnel numbering around 40 men. Each one of them was sitting on a tall horse with a rather luxurious looking caravan in the middle of the group.

With Jian Chen's regular walking pace, he had quickly met up with the group of caravans. Each one of the mercenaries sitting on top of the horses stared sharply at Jian Chen. After a few of them looked over Jian Chen's figure, they each looked away from him as if they didn't care for him.

Just as Jian Chen was about 5 meters away from the caravan group, the two sides suddenly stopped since Jian Chen's path was blocking their group from continuing forward.

At this, the mercenaries that had glanced at Jian Chen from before no longer looked friendly. A few of them had already started to have a small amount of killing intent in their eyes.

"Who are you, and why do you block our path!" An older man bellowed at Jian Chen.

Not caring for the other man's temper, Jian Chen waved his hand and said, "Fellow travelers, this one has found himself lost, so this one wonders if some questions could be asked for a moment."

Hearing this, many of the mercenaries furrowed their eyebrows. For mercenaries that traveled the continent, if they weren't familiar with the terrain, then many would bring a map with them. People like Jian Chen were not commonly seen, so the words spoken by Jian Chen couldn't be taken so easily.

"Less of your f*cking bull, hurry up and scram, otherwise don't blame this uncle for being impolite!" One of the more violent mercenaries snarled out. This elder man stalked forward with his muscles rippling in a way that exploded into everyone's view while also seeing the short pants he was wearing.

Jian Chen's face tilted down slightly as he looked coldly at the mercenary who spoke. "You better clean your mouth, or else you may find that all it'll take to lose your life would be one phrase." Hearing this mercenary's words, they had clearly annoyed Jian Chen.

The words of Jian Chen said caused the color of the other mercenaries to drop a few shades. The one that had been looking at Jian Chen couldn't help but feel his heart tremble as if a sudden chill had descended over the area. At first the man had felt a bit cowardly, but the moment he had realized the one who was threatening him was only 20 years old, the cowardice within him turned to anger before a slightly low voice could be heard from behind him.

"Fellow friend, the words you say are too much." From this voice, everyone turned to see a middle aged man riding a black horse slowly approach them. The look on his face was a bit gloomy, but there was an icy tint to his eyes as he looked down at Jian Chen.

"Captain Lan!"

“Captain Lan!”

The moment this man emerged with his black horse, all of the surrounding mercenaries began to call out his name.

Jian Chen looked at the man and said, “Before saying something like that, you should first discipline your subordinates.”

The big mercenary snorted and glared dangerously at Jian Chen, “How arrogant, you’re nothing more than a boy who hasn’t been taught by his mommy. To dare disrespect our captain, why don’t I bring your mother here to help discipline you?” Leaping from his horse, he began to walk toward Jian Chen with his fist outstretched.

Hearing this talk about his mother, Jian Chen’s face suddenly changed as a tremendous spike of killing intent flowed from his eyes. Lifting up his left hand, he blocked the incoming slap from the older man and then immediately planted his right hand into his stomach.

“Kacha!”

Immediately the sound of bones could be heard breaking as Jian Chen’s Saint Force enhanced fist struck against the man’s stomach. Straight away, a dent could be seen in his chest.

“Ah!”

With a miserable howl, the man’s face was completely filled with a violent expression as his tanned face grew pale.

Straight after, Jian Chen’s figure disappeared in a blur as his leg planted itself against the man’s chest once more with a biting cold gust of wind. The mercenary was sent flying high into the air before finally landing 10 meters away on the ground with a resounding “Bang!”. Dust was knocked up into the air as blood came spurting out of the man’s mouth. His face which was already very pale had started to wither a bit.

Seeing how that older mercenary was struggling to crawl up from the ground, the other mercenaries looked on in disbelief. With a stunned look as their only reaction, they slowly started to shout and pull out their Saint Weapons to charge at Jian Chen.

“Stay your hand!” The one named Captain Lan suddenly called out from his black horse. In an instant he had instantly stopped every single mercenary from charging at Jian Chen.

Captain Lan urged his horse forward as he looked at Jian Chen with a serious face, “Honored one, do you truly just wish for directions without any other motive?”

“Correct!” Jian Chen nodded his head.

“Captain Lan, give this junior here a map.”

Just as Jian Chen finished talking, an elderly voice came from behind. While the voice was very elderly sounding, the air became rather imposing.

Hearing that elderly voice, Jian Chen's turned his head to look behind to see a small group of luxurious caravans make their way toward him.

An expression of respect grew on Captain Lan's face as he cupped his hands in the direction of the caravans, "Yes, elder!"

Seeing the display Captain Lan was showing, Jian Chen's eyes flickered slightly. Looking at the caravans, he could tell that there were indeed people in the caravans, but because of the distance, he wasn't able to gauge their exact strength.

Then, Captain Lan took out a rolled up piece of parchment from his Space Belt and threw it at Jian Chen, "This is the map of the Blue Wind Kingdom, take it."

Jian Chen unraveled the parchment and took a brief glance on it before rolling it back together. Cupping his hands, he left the area without any further words.

Watching Jian Chen's body grow even more distant, Captain Lan cried out, "Forward!"

After picking up the mercenary that had been struck down by Jian Chen and placing him on a horse, the group began to continue on with their path.

Jian Chen continued to watch the caravan fade away from the side for a while. He knew that the man leading the caravans was a Peak Great Saint Master, so to have such a man have a respectful tone, Jian Chen was truly curious about the man inside the caravans.

The only thing he could sense within the caravans was merely the breathing of a person, other than that, there was nothing.

"Haha, youngster, for a youth to possess a strength like yours, that is not an easy task. Continue to work hard, I believe that not too far in the future, you will surely shake the continent."

When Jian Chen had passed the caravans, he could faintly hear the elderly voice whisper into his ears almost as if the elder were standing right next to him.

Jian Chen's face had changed slightly as he suddenly went rigid. Immediately looking around himself, he didn't see anyone around him. So he stared in disbelief at the caravan that had just passed by. He had just heard this elder's voice from inside the caravan.

Even with the incredulous look on Jian Chen's face, the mercenaries that were guarding the caravans appeared to not have noticed the sound; their faces had no difference than before Jian Chen had heard the sound.

"Youngster, if you can one day make it to the Holy Empire, then you can find me using this badge."

At that moment, the elderly voice came back once more without the same mysterious tone. At the same time as the voice, a purple shining badge flew out from the window and into the hands of Jian Chen.

The few mercenaries guarding the caravan suddenly turned to look at Jian Chen with a look of extreme envy and at the object in his hand with some doubt.

Seeing this purple medal that was shining in his hand, Jian Chen's heart began to feel as if waves were constantly crashing over him. It was at that moment that he had realized the mysterious figure sitting in this caravan was undoubtedly an unmeasurably deep expert. He hadn't expected to receive this medal, but he knew that this medal was definitely not something normal people could get.

There was a strange feeling within Jian Chen's heart. For a person to be so strong in the caravan, why was it that the strongest person in his group was only a Peak Great Saint Master? The average strength in this group was only a Great Saint, with some that weren't even at that level.

Also to have so many goods being transported in the open like this, could it be this person didn't even have a Space Belt or Space Ring?

"Keke..."

As the caravans traveled further away, the clear sounds of a cough could be heard. Jian Chen looked at the caravan with his eyes, but his heart was not as tranquil as it usually was.

"Hu..." Jian Chen let out a long breath of air as he looked at the purple medal in his hands. This medal was only the size of his hand and was a finger wide and heavy to the touch. This medal was made entirely from purple coins, so there must have been a special way to refine and create this object. And since it was made from purple coins, the price of this item would be unnaturally high.

"The Holy City in the Holy Empire, that is one of the Capital Cities in the Tian Yuan Continent. It's also where the ruler of the Holy Empire resides. Just what identity does this mysterious man have?" Jian Chen muttered.

Chapter 166: Phoenix City

After meeting the mysterious person within the caravan, Jian Chen had some doubts. Judging from how that Captain Lan had so respectfully called out to the elder in the caravan and that Jian Chen couldn't measure the elder's strength at all, the elder was definitely not a Great Saint Master. Against Great Saint Masters, Jian Chen could easily discern their cultivation levels, but when it came to this elder in particular, Jian Chen had no idea.

"It would appear that his strength is at the very least an Earth Saint Master. But for what reason did he give me this badge?" Jian Chen looked back to the purple coin casted medal in his hand. This medal didn't have any words on it, but there were various patterns running through it.

"Forget it, there isn't any use to trying to figure this out. I'd best be on the road. Until I have enough strength, it would be best for me to wait until I go to the Holy City." Jian Chen decided before storing the medal into his Space Ring and continuing on his way.

The road was unusually peaceful; there were many times where he wouldn't see anyone. Yet sometimes during the day, many caravans and mercenaries would ride by on their magical beasts.

Now that he had a map, Jian Chen was no longer worried about getting lost. In accordance to the map, Jian Chen had walked for 3 days and in the end, he finally reached Phoenix City.

Phoenix City was a Class 2 City encompassing an area of several hundred kilometers. By the time he reached the outskirts, there was already a steady flow of people bustling around. A group of leather

wearing mercenaries rode on magical beasts of many sizes while other caravans slowly carried their goods on the road. All sorts of topics were being made as voices blended together.

Jian Chen followed the road for the final stretch of land and slowly made his way past the city walls. Walking besides Jian Chen were other mercenaries that also traveled by themselves. So Jian Chen hadn't attracted any attention to himself.

By the city gates of Phoenix City, there were many guards standing perfectly straight as they watched with a cold gaze, those who entered the city.

"Stand still, what are you doing?!" At that moment, a cold voice cried out. Turning their heads to look, everyone could see a caravan group being stopped by a single city guard.

Simultaneously, a short but plump man with embroidered clothing walked forward pretending to pull the guard's hand in a friendly manner as if he was a friend. Pleasantly stuffing a few gold coins into the cold hand of the guard, the man began to smile as he spoke a few words into his ear.

The guard pinched the gold coins given to him by the man before rubbing them together with a serious face before it slowly melted away. Waving his hand with a happier expression, he cried out, "You may enter!"

Practically every merchant that was blocked by the guards would end up having to pay a small fee to enter. This was an extremely common practice on the Tian Yuan Continent, but there were a few merchants that had refused to pay this toll. Of course, the guards would use the pretense of feigning that there were dangerous goods within their caravans and would not allow them to enter before forcing a search on them.

This rudeness had made many people unsatisfied, but because these guards were still the garrisoned soldiers of the city, many people were unable to do anything about them. In the face of these guards, even some of the more violent mercenaries would only be able to suck up their anger.

Jian Chen had however been able to enter Phoenix City without paying the tax. To the guards, Jian Chen was a lone traveler that wasn't escorting any sort of goods, so they didn't care about him. It was only for the merchants that they would obstruct a person's way.

As a Class 2 City, Phoenix City was relatively huge, being bigger than Wake City by a large degree. As soon as Jian Chen had entered the city he walked to the closest stable and bought himself a nice looking horse to ride to the center of the city.

Because of the wideness of the city, if one didn't have a horse to travel on, it would take over half the day to walk from the east to west gate of Phoenix City.

After traveling on his horse for some time, he finally stopped at a bank. Tying up his horse, he entered the bank.

Inside the bank, Jian Chen converted all of the copper, silver and gold coins on him into purple coins. Only a few of the coins were left unconverted for him to use for daily expenses. Most of the money he had converted came from his time in the Magical Beast Mountain Range where Jian Chen had taken all of the money from the dead mercenaries bodies and Space Belts.

Just before Jian Chen was about to put all of the coins back into his Space Belt, he had counted how many purple coins he had. Unexpectedly, there were around 30,000 purple coins, and added with the purple coins he already had on him, then he had a total of over 40,000 purple coins.

Before he had left the bank, he had collected a purple card from the bank. This card was called the Purple Card by everyone on the Tian Yuan Continent.

Purple Cards were used by the entirety of the Tian Yuan Continent for those who wanted to save space from carrying so many purple coins. A Purple Card was like a Space Belt in that it had its own interdimensional space to hold coins, but it was used to measure the amount of purple coins. With a Purple Card, one would be able to freely visit any bank to access their money. Many higher institutes would even take the Purple Card as payment, so it was a lot more convenient than carrying around individual stacks of purple coins.

The Purple Card was only half the size of Jian Chen's hand and was created through a special means of refinement. Although the card itself looked rather weak, it was actually very strong; even Earth Saint Masters wouldn't be able to inflict damage to this card.

Obtaining a Purple Card wasn't all that hard, but still not so easy that ordinary people could receive one. To obtain one, a person must have at least 10,000 purple coins.

With a Purple Card, not only was it a symbol of one's identity, but also of one's wealth.

For purple coins to be added into the Purple Card, it required the bank's special instrument, so ordinary men would have absolutely no way of tricking the system. However, the banks would only recognize the card and not the owner. Even if one were not the original owner, the Purple Card would still be usable by any bank in the Tian Yuan Continent.

Walking out of the bank, Jian Chen held the Purple Card in his hand. It contained all 40,000 of his purple coins with barely any other coins left for him to use for his own personal interests.

When the people in the bank had seen the Purple Card in Jian Chen's hands, they all looked at him with an envious expression with many people already looking at him with other ideas.

Jian Chen looked around himself at the people looking back at him and smiled. Placing the Purple Card in his Space Belt, Jian Chen mounted his horse and rode off.

Chapter 167: Auction Affairs

Next, after asking around, Jian Chen arrived at a store that specialized in monster cores but was rather large. The building made of a blue stone material and had 3 stories,

Although there were many mercenaries that sold monster cores, they were mainly low leveled ones. The higher leveled monster cores were less common to see, so if one really wanted to buy one, they would need to go to a store. The bigger the store, the higher quality the monster cores were.

Plus, stores that sold monster cores had a huge supply in comparison to the mercenaries that only had 3 or 5 Class 1 or 2 Monster Cores for sale. If some influential clans wanted to buy large quantities of monster cores, they would go to these stores to buy them.

Entering the monster core shop, Jian Chen felt that despite being such a large store, there weren't many people inside. There weren't even any monster cores arranged out, with only a few female clerks that were working, but other than that, this place didn't seem like a monster core shop at all.

With some confusion, Jian Chen walked toward them and asked, "Might I ask if this is where they sell monster cores?"

Hearing this, the female clerk looked at Jian Chen's handsome and delicate face with an astonished face. Seeing such a handsome face like Jian Chen's had made her stop for a second before speaking up joyously, "Did you see the sign outside our store? If our Monster Core Heaven Store didn't sell monster cores, then what place would this be?"

Jian Chen let out an embarrassed smile as he looked at the empty halls, "Then why is there not even a single monster core out on display?"

Perhaps it was because of Jian Chen's appearance that made him irresistible to women, but the clerk then stared blankly at him before explaining pleasantly, "Our Monster Core Heaven Store only displays our higher level monster cores out on the second and third floor. The first floor only has Class 1 Monster Cores, but since those are extremely common, there is no need to put them out on display."

Hearing this, Jian Chen suddenly saw the light. This was only the first story of the store, but he hadn't realized that this was how the store functioned.

The female clerk continued to say, "Which monster core did you want to buy? If you want to buy Class 1 Monster Cores, then just tell me how many you want to buy. But if you want to buy Class 2 Monster Cores, you'll have to head to the second floor."

Jian Chen hesitated for a moment before asking, "I'm not here to buy monster cores, but might I ask if you are buying monster cores instead?"

The female clerk looked at Jian Chen with an astonished face, "What? You're selling monster cores?"

"Correct!" Jian Chen nodded.

An incredulous look filled the clerk's eye as she stared at Jian Chen. She didn't know why such a handsome youth was trying to sell instead of buy monster cores. She had worked at this store for many years, but this was the very first time such a person came. Usually, it was always a group of burly men.

She didn't look at Jian Chen with disdain despite this, instead, she continued to speak with a sweet smile, "We also buy monster cores here, so if you please bring out the monster cores you want to sell!"

Jian Chen immediately took out two Space Belts and handed it over the female clerk. In these two Space Belts were Class 1 and 2 Monster Cores.

The clerk took the two Space Belts and began to inspect the amount of monster cores inside. Quickly, a look of shock appeared on her face because the amount of Class 1 and 2 Monster Cores in the Space Belts numbered to around 2000. This was the first time she had ever seen so many monster cores!

Taking in a deep breath, the female clerk looked at Jian Chen's handsome face with a complex expression, "Please wait one moment, I will be right back with the shopkeeper."

Handing the Space Belts back to Jian Chen, she turned around and headed toward the second floor. Not too long after she had left, a man wearing an embroidered blue robe came down with the same female worker.

“Shopkeeper Bai, this is the one that wants to sell monster cores.” The female clerk said as she brought the shopkeeper to Jian Chen.

The one named Shopkeeper Bai nodded his middle aged head as he smiled at Jian Chen, “Junior, would it be possible for you to bring out the monster cores for me to see?”

Jian Chen didn’t hesitate in bringing out the Space Belts for Shopkeeper Bai to see. Extending his hand to inspect the contents of the Space Belt, Shopkeeper Bai’s eyes suddenly widened in shock as well when he discovered the amount of monster cores within the Space Belts.

“To sell so many monster cores at once, this is something Phoenix City doesn’t see often.” The middle aged man spoke as he studied Jian Chen, “Junior, do you mind if I call you that? I hope you don’t mind.”

Jian Chen smiled, “Shopkeeper, why don’t we talk about how much money you’d like to buy this for.”

“That we can do, please allow me to think it over for a moment.” The man laughed. Without any more talk, he led Jian Chen into a secret room so they could go over the monster cores.

Once the monster cores were all counted for, the middle aged man had given Jian Chen a total of 5000 purple coins. Taking the purple coins, Jian Chen thanked the shopkeeper and walked out of the building.

Riding his horse to a crowded marketplace, he began to buy several sets of clothing and other essential items for surviving in the outside world.

Just then, the loud clamoring of the crowd caught Jian Chen’s attention.

“I’ve heard that the annual auction will be taking place in 10 days time. This time there’ll be many precious treasures...”

“Yea, this auction is a must this year, who knows what treasures will be seen there...”

“Phoenix City’s Heavenly Phoenix Auction is very famous. The annual auction usually always has many people from other cities participating, so it’ll definitely be crowded...”

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“An auction!” Jian Chen cried out to himself as he listened to the others talk. Now thinking about this, he no longer was in any desire to stroll around the area and immediately went back onto the road to return to the center of Phoenix City to find the place everyone was talking about.

The building was exceptionally tall, despite being only two stories tall, it had already reached several dozen meters higher into the air than a four story inn nearby. Even the area it had covered was large as compared to the Mercenary Union which was roughly the same size. On top of the great big gates to the auction house was a three meter tall board that had the four words “Heavenly Phoenix Auction House” written in fancy calligraphy.

There were many people coming in and out of the auction house as well. With a little hesitation, Jian Chen disembarked from his horse to enter the inn nearby the auction house to rent a room. After that he let the horse go.

After a few days, Jian Chen strolled around before finding an isolated area. Where he took out some herbs from his Space Belt.

After the time it took to boil a cup of tea, Jian Chen stood back up with a completely different look. This time he looked more like a dark skinned middle aged man with relatively ordinary looks. If he were to blend into a crowd, no one would be able to remember his face other than the fact that there was a little scar on the left side of his face.

After disguising himself, Jian Chen swapped out his clothes and then headed toward the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House and then inside of it. After entering, he saw a steady stream of people walking in and out around him. By this time, the annual auction was about to start, so many people were already trying to register their own precious items for the auction.

“Sir, might I ask what item did you want to register?”

Just as Jian Chen had entered the auction house, a female worker had called out to him sweetly.

“Could you please bring out the official for this place, I have a few things to discuss with him.” A deep voice came from Jian Chen’s throat, he had even changed what he sounded like.

“Yes, please wait for a moment!” The female worker studied Jian Chen before excusing herself from the area to walk further into the auction house.

In a flash, a white haired man wearing rich looking clothes walk toward Jian Chen with the female worker right behind with a respectful face. “Elder Huang, this is the person looking for you!” The female spoke up before turning to Jian Chen, “Sir, this is our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House’ high leveled appraiser, Elder Huang.”

Jian Chen cupped his hands together as a greeting.

His greeting was completely ignored by the elder who instead looked at him and asked, “What business might you have?”

Jian Chen’s eyes swept around himself to look at the nearby people in the auction house before replying, “Elder Huang, I have a few precious things that I would like to sell, would elder like to talk about them?”

Hearing the words of Jian Chen, the elder’s eyes flashed before gesturing Jian Chen toward a secured room to talk.

Jian Chen and the elder sat down on the opposite sides of a table. Although the room wasn’t all that big, the soundproofing was very good in here, so their negotiation could be done freely without the worry of anyone from the outside listening in.

“Sir, you should have brought the item you wanted to auction off to Elder Xiu.” When the two sat down, the elder couldn’t help but say that.

“Haha, Elder Huang, I wanted to auction something, but it must remain confidential.” Jian Chen laughed before taking his Space Belt out.

“Then you can rest easily, our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House is well respected among all cities and will not divulge even the smallest bit of information to anyone.” The elder smiled before inspecting the Space Belt given to him.

The moment the elder looked inside the Space Belt, his eyes suddenly froze along with his face as he looked at the contents with shock and disbelief. “This...this is...this is the body of a Class 5 Magical Beast!”

Chapter 168: Yullian

Seeing the shocked expression on the elder’s face, Jian Chen smiled gently and said, “Indeed, Elder Huang has a good eye.”

The unexpected sight of a Class 5 Magical Beast’s body had given the elder’s heart a great big shock. But soon enough, he quickly brought his emotions under control. Taking a deep breath to calm himself, he looked back at Jian Chen with a completely different attitude.

“Dear sir, do you really wish to auction off this Class 5 Magical Beast body?” The elder’s eyes contained hope in them as he waited for Jian Chen’s response. A Class 5 Magical Beast’s body was especially precious as well as being especially hard to supply. In the history of the Class 2 Phoenix City, there were only 2 or 3 occurrences of a Class 5 Magical Beast body being sold in the last dozen years. Although, each time it occurred, it had sent shockwaves to the nearby cities where all of the influential clans in the vicinity would begin to fight over it.

If these two bodies were to be auctioned off in his Heavenly Phoenix Auction House, his auction house would definitely earn a supremely high reputation. If that happened, then their auction house becoming the number one auction house in this area of the empire would not be too far off as a dream.

Seeing the nervous look on the elder’s face, Jian Chen couldn’t help but smile, “Correct, these two Class 5 Magical Beasts, I’ve come here to auction them, will there be a problem with that?”

The elder’s face lit up as he hurriedly responded to Jian Chen, “No no, not at all. You may auction these bodies within our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House, in fact, we would be honored to do so. However, dear sir, these two Class 5 Magical Beast bodies are very important and have far surpassed my authorization. Please wait a moment, and I will bring the manager of the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House to come and discuss this matter with you.”

With that, the elder gave a polite salute to Jian Chen and left the room, causing it to become quiet once more leaving Jian Chen as the sole person inside.

Casually leaning back on his chair, Jian Chen tilted his head down as he began to think. Right now his mind was constantly thinking about just what type of trouble he could come across as a result of this.

The body of a Class 5 Magical Beast was very precious. Within the Class 2 Phoenix City, this could be said to be extremely rare. Jian Chen himself knew that if he were to auction these 2 bodies, it would undoubtedly send shockwaves throughout this area. Thus trouble would undoubtedly come to him.

“Kacha!”

Suddenly a sound could be heard as the door to the room was opened. Jian Chen tilted his head to look only to see a cyan colored robe wearing woman slowly walk in with refined steps. The moment she had walked in, a sweet fragrance had immediately wafted into the room.

This woman was rather tall and looked to be around 30 years old. Her entire figure seemed to carry the unique temperament of a female with a beautiful face that held no argument. To some ordinary men, they would most likely not be able to resist her charm. Right behind her her dark green colored hair hung without any binding against her shoulders and back. Her black pupils seemed to shine with a mysterious light that seemed as if it could read a person’s mind.

Right behind this woman was the Elder Huang who had previously left the room, closing the door behind them.

As Jian Chen studied the woman, the woman studied Jian Chen as she elegantly sat down opposite of Jian Chen. Her twin black eyes stared deeply at Jian Chen as if trying to understand him before she smiled and said, “I am called Yullian, the one in charge of the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House. Might this one know what to call you by?”

Jian Chen cupped his hands in greeting, “This one is called Wu Yun, miss Yullian.”

Yullian nodded her head and gave a small look at the nearby Elder Huang. “So you are called Wu Yun. I’ve just heard from Elder Huang that you wanted to sell two bodies of Class 5 Magical Beasts. Is this the case?” Yullian’s beautiful eyes then swung toward Jian Chen to study his face for an answer.

“Correct, that is the case!” Jian Chen placed the Space Belt with the two Class 5 Magical Beasts on top of the table. Continuing to speak, he said, “Miss Yullian, they are right here, so examine them if you will.”

“En!” Yullian grabbed the Space Belt to begin inspecting the contents, but the moment she saw the corpses of the magical beasts inside, her face had a look of extreme shock.

“These are indeed Class 5 Magical Beasts. And if I’m not wrong, then this is the Magical Skywing Cow and the Quick Cloud Beast.” Yullian commented.

Jian Chen nodded his head, “Miss Yullian, if I leave these two Class 5 Magical Beasts within the care of the auction house, will there be any problems?”

Hearing that, Yullian began to laugh gently as she placed the Space Belt back on the table. Her twin black pupils looked as if they could absorb the soul of any mortal and had some sort of lovely charm to it as she stared at Jian Chen. “Of course there won’t be a problem. For sir to auction these two magical beasts within our auction house, this is simply too rare of an event. This would surely be a good thing for our auction house, so I can exempt sir from the service fee for this. In the case that the auction house successfully sells the magical beasts, then sir will receive a hundred percent of the profits, and our auction house will not receive any of it.”

Jian Chen didn’t care at all for the service fee, but he cupped his hands in respect nonetheless.

“Of course, if sir were to bring out the Class 5 Monster Cores with the magical beasts, then our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House can openly proclaim this and definitely bring in a higher price. Why don’t you think this over for a moment.” Yullian continued to say.

Jian Chen’s face had a bitter smile as he said, “Miss Yullian, I am truly regretful but those two Class 5 Magical Beasts were found by me on the Magical Beast Mountain Range. By the time I discovered their bodies, their monster cores were already gone, so thus I only have the bodies and not the cores.”

“Oh! So that’s the case?” Yullian didn’t believe Jian Chen, but nevertheless smiled at him.

Seeing this, Jian Chen’s expression sunk as he spoke with a slightly unsatisfied face, “Miss Yullian, I’ve already said it, but it’s up to you to believe it.”

Seeing the slightly angry look on Jian Chen’s face, Yullian had an apologetic look on her face and said, “Sir Wu Yun, please do not take offense. This little girl was only asking, without any other purpose, please do not misunderstand.”

Quickly taking out a piece of paper, she said, “Sir Wu Yun, please sign your name here and give us the two Class 5 Magical Beasts so that the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House can auction them. Does sir have any further questions?”

“I am already familiar with the rules of the auction house. Good. Then these two magical beasts will be temporarily given to you. If there are any problems that arise from this, then your auction house will take the blame.”

“Sir Wu Yun, please rest assured. Our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House must maintain our reputation. In the case a problem or loss happens, our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House will take responsibility.”

Chapter 169: Eliminating Danger

After that, Jian Chen and the manager of the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House, Yullian, went over a few things for the process of the auction house. After all that was done, Jian Chen left the Class 5 Magical Beasts with the auction house and left.

Once Jian Chen had left the secret room, all that remained was the appraiser Elder Huang and the manager Yullian.

Closing the door to the room, Elder Huang returned to where he was just sitting and sat down once again. Staring at the Space Belt in Yullian’s hands, he finally said to her, “Little Yullian, do you think the Class 5 Monster Cores could be in Wu Yun’s hands?”

Yullian carefully caressed the Space Belt with the two Class 5 Magical Beasts with her jade like fingers. Despite there being blood within it, she did not feel unwell or even loathe it even with her feminine personality.

“There’s a good chance of that. Judging from these wounds, the magical beasts must have killed each other and had one person clean up at the end and extract the monster cores. So this person must not be all that strong and is vastly inferior to these two Class 5 Magical Beasts otherwise he would have easily killed these two magical beasts without having so many messy wounds.” Yullian murmured.

“Yet, we cannot rule out the fact that he did not extract the Class 5 Monster Cores. The one called Wu Yun indeed came across the corpses, but the probability that he doesn’t have the monster cores is low. Only those at the Earth or Heaven Saint Master level would not care for a Class 5 Magical Beast’s body, but the monster cores were clearly not removed by such an expert.”

Hearing this, Elder Huang nodded his head and said, “When you say it like that, then the two Class 5 Monster Cores are really on Wu Yun’s body.”

“Yes, that is the most likely situation.” Yullian nodded her head slowly. “Forget it, whether or not the Class 5 Monster Cores are with Wu Yun are not of our concern. We just need to do what we are supposed to do as an auction house. Although a Class 5 Monster Core is very expensive, compared to our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House’s reputation, it is a negligible cost.”

“Alright, Elder Huang, let’s forget about the Class 5 Monster Core and do what is expected of us with peace of mind. To our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House, this accidental discovery of the Class 5 Magical Beasts was an extremely rare occasion in the first place. That’s why we must properly utilize this hard-to-come-by opportunity and increase our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House’s renown even more.”

“Yes, I understand.” Elder Huang responded.

“Furthermore, we must keep this matter with Wu Yun being the owner of the Class 5 Magical Beast a secret. We must not allow any news of this to be leaked out; otherwise, it would not benefit our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House at all. It would also have a huge impact on the reputation of our Heavenly Phoenix Auction House. You can understand this much, right?” Yullian spoke gently, but the words she spoke contained a hint of iron to them, almost as if she was speaking like a commander.

“Yes, this elder understands.” Elder Huang answered immediately.

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After leaving the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House, Jian Chen walked into the crowded streets down a certain road. In the end he had finally reached a small isolated alleyway. Seeing the rows of locked up homes that were uninhabited, Jian Chen hesitated for a moment before taking out his Light Wind Sword to cut down the chains and walking inside a room.

The inside of the room was pitch black so visibility was very poor. Yet Jian Chen could make out the simple layout of the furniture and a table that had a very visible layer of dust on top of it, indicating that no one had lived in this home for a very long time.

Jian Chen looked around himself before immediately taking out a few things from his Space Belt to clear away the disguise on his face. Swapping out his old clothes for a new set of clothes and then changing his hair style, he destroyed any last trace and walked out of the wooden house into the alley.

By the time Jian Chen had come into the line of sight of anyone else, he already had his original appearance. Even his attitude had made a change from his previous disguise. At this moment, even if Elder Huang or Yullian were to look at Jian Chen, they would not be able to find a connection between Jian Chen and Wu Yun because the differences between the two were far too many.

First buying a detailed map of Phoenix City, Jian Chen had decided to walk toward the bustling Heavenly Phoenix Auction House and stroll around.

While Class 5 Magical Beasts may be a common sight in the more major cities, in a city like Phoenix City, this was an undeniable precious treasure. Jian Chen knew that selling a Class 5 Magical Beast would not be as easy as it should be, so he had to familiarize himself with the environment. In the case that something unexpected happened, he would at least have an escape route and wouldn't be flustered.

For the entire afternoon, Jian Chen wandered around the area and traveled down every road and alleyway. It was only when it was night time that Jian Chen returned to the inn.

After eating a simple meal, Jian Chen sat down on his bed in a cross-legged position and closed his eyes.

But Jian Chen wasn't cultivating this time. Perhaps it was because he had gone up in strength far too fast, or maybe it was because he had used the monster cores to cultivate too much. With his strength being at the Peak Saint Master level, he was no longer able to use his strength as efficiently as he used to. With this, he wasn't able to utilize his fighting strength to his full potential or even as smoothly before. It wasn't an extremely serious problem, but then, Jian Chen knew that if he didn't resolve this problem soon, then it would definitely have a long lasting effect on him.

So in this moment, Jian Chen was not cultivating in fear of increasing his strength too fast. If he abused his cultivation speed, his control over his Saint Force would be too troublesome.

So, before any defects formed in his cultivation, it would be best to resolve any dangers before such a thing could happen.

Chapter 170: The Sensation Caused by the Class 5 Magical Beast (One)

For the entire night Jian Chen sat on his bed, and refined the Saint Force within his body endlessly, to ensure that he would be able to use it efficiently.

He didn't dare to continue cultivating, in fear that the danger hidden in his body would become more predominant.

The Saint Force within Jian Chen's body flowed around his meridians in a fixed pattern nonstop. As it flowed within his body, he could feel the control over his body constantly increasing. At the same time, the level of compatibility between his Saint Force and his body slowly increased.

He also realized that while circulating his Saint Force, his blood was also doing the same. A few of the strange genetic factors in his blood began to accumulate and enter the various organs of his body.

Those genetic factors were the anti venom genes from the Silver Striped Golden Snake. Although the anti venom genes had fully integrated into his bloodstream earlier in the year, the blood was only starting to alter his organs. It would take a long time until the process was completed.

Right now, the amount of antivenom filled blood had only changed a small part of his body. Previously, the Thousand Immunity had only succeeded in a small amount by having his blood reproduce the antivenom. It would only be when his entire body was altered, and had the antivenom that the Thousand Immunity would truly be completed.

The night went by peacefully until morning came. When the sun rose, the Saint Force that Jian Chen had been circulating the whole night gathered continuously back into his dantian, finally forming the shape

of a sword. Although the shape was still a bit blurry, it was still more distinct than it had been when Jian Chen broke through to the Saint Master level.

Jian Chen left his room and went down to the tavern where he ordered a single dish of magical beast meat for breakfast. With his current strength, even if he went a day without eating, he wouldn't feel hungry at all. Although, having 3 square meals a day had already become a habit to Jian Chen, and he would always eat regularly unless there were some extraordinary circumstances. Other than that, he refused to not eat a meal, after all, eating a fine meal was one of life's simple but great pleasures.

Since it was prime time to eat breakfast, the tavern had quickly filled up its tables. Many of the mercenaries were forming groups to sit together. They exchanged information of what they've heard and seen, filling the room with their clamor.

Jian Chen sat by himself with a few other dishes on the table and enjoyed his meal while listening in on the other mercenaries.

"Hey fellow brothers. Today the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House will start. Rumors say they will be auctioning off a Class 5 Magical Beast corpse." A blue robed mercenary said.

"What?! A Class 5 Magical Beast!? Oh heavens, that's a beast that requires an Earth Saint Master to defeat at the very least. How does the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House have one of those? Fellow, are you sure you're not tricking me?" A person cried out in disbelief.

The first one who spoke had a smile full of conviction, "Fellow brothers, why don't we make a bet on it then. If the words I say are fake then I will be the loser, but if my words end up to be true, then I win, how about it?"

"Do you expect me to believe a Class 5 Magical Beast could possibly show up in a Class 2 city like Phoenix City? Fine. I'll call your bet,"?" Another person called out.

"I've lived for 30 years and heard news of Class 5 Magical Beasts many times, yet I have never seen a Class 5 Magical Beast with my own eyes. Okay, I'll bet as well. Two gold coins. In the case that the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House really is selling a Class 5 Magical Beast, then consider it my loss of these two gold coins." A person at the table called out.

The amount of chatter at the table was growing as it quickly attracted the attention of the nearby diners. Immediately a few other men walked on over to the table and greeted them respectfully, "Fellow brothers, you've just said that the Heavenly Auction House is auctioning off a Class 5 Magical Beast. Is this piece of information verified?"

Hearing this, the youth that first mentioned the news laughed, "Brother, it seems no one believes this information. Then why doesn't everyone bet on it, is this not interesting enough for you?"

The person who had approached them hesitated before nodding, "Fine, then I shall bet five gold coins. If there really is a Class 5 Magical Beast being sold at the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House, then these five gold coins are yours without any hard feelings."

"Ok, I'll also place a bet. I've been here in Phoenix City for 20 years already, but I've never seen a Class 5 Magical Beast appear in an auction. Actually, I've never even seen one before, so I don't even know what one would look like."

“Class 5 Magical Beasts normally appear in King Cities. They rarely even show up in Class 1 cities. The information about a Class 5 Magical Beast showing up in a Class 2 city like Phoenix City is most likely false. Forget it, since everyone is so into it, I might as well bet. This news is definitely false.”

“I’ll add a bet as well. I say that the Class 5 Magical Beast could appear in some Class 1 city auction. That would at least be possible. However, appearing in a Class 2 city is clearly impossible.”

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The discussion at the table quickly attracted the interest of everyone eating in the restaurant. They had all been lured by the topic of a Class 5 Magical Beast, and were all silently gambling with themselves about whether or not it was true.

Jian Chen, who was slowly enjoying his food, smiled bitterly and shook his head at the actions of the people in the restaurant. At the moment, he was currently wondering whether bringing the two Class 5 Magical Beasts to a Class 2 City like Phoenix City to auction them off was a wise choice.

However, Jian Chen understood very well that if he brought the Class 5 Magical Beast to a Class 1 City or the capital to auction off, he’d admittedly sell it for a high price. The problem was that the pressure he’d have to face would unfortunately be greater since the stronger experts were pretty much all gathered at these flourishing and fertile places. If someone from that type of place came looking to stir up trouble with him, he’d have a much harder time dealing with them. However, being in a second class city like Phoenix City was a completely different story. In Phoenix City, Earth Saint Masters were extremely uncommon. Even if an Earth Saint Master class expert did approach him looking for trouble, it was likely that Jian Chen would be able to cope. It was unlikely that the opposite party would be able to pressure him to the point where he wouldn’t be able to resist.

It was precisely due to this reason that Jian Chen had decided to auction off the Class 5 Magical Beasts at Phoenix City.

Just as the people in the restaurant were discussing the news about the Class 5 Magical Beast in a frenzy, the loud banging of a gong suddenly rang out from outside.

“Dong! Dong! Major news, major news! The annual large-scale auction at the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House after the 9th will be selling off two Class 5 Magical Beasts...”

This information made both the people on the street, as well as the originally incomparably lively restaurant dumbstruck. Everything went dead silent and everyone had expressions of disbelief on their faces.

Class 5 Magical Beasts were really going to be sold in the Heavenly Phoenix Auction House. Moreover, there wouldn’t be just one available, but two.