

Chaotic 2271

Chapter 2271: Fortune Jade

The rock was extremely strange. It did not seem to stand out at all when observed with the naked eye, and the senses of the soul were completely useless against it. As a result, Jian Chen secretly used his soul that had fused with Chaotic Force to closely observe the tiny slice of rock in his hand.

Very soon, he discovered in great surprise that a minuscule amount of the mysterious presence existed within the rock slice. At that moment, the remaining presence vanished at an extremely gradual rate.

When the presence remaining reached a certain amount, Jian Chen discovered that he could vaguely sense the rock slice with his soul.

The rock slice was no longer invisible to the senses of the soul.

"I see. The reason why the rock can avoid being detected by the soul is not because of how special the rock is itself. It's all because of the mysterious presence that has permeated the rock..."

"As soon as I sliced away this piece of rock, the mysterious presence began to vanish gradually. It looks like the origins of this mysterious presence is hidden within the rock..."

Jian Chen thought to himself. The light in his eyes flickered as he immediately got to work, chipping away at the rock.

However, it was just too tough. The closer he got to the centre, the tougher it became. Towards the end, Jian Chen was only able to chip it away at an extremely slow rate even when using his full strength.

Jian Chen frowned at the sight of this. Since he knew the rock was not as extraordinary as he had imagined it to be, it also meant that the powder he spread on the divine hall would not be able to keep the structure hidden for long. Once the powder became useless, the peak experts who had gathered on the Desolate Plane would be able to discover the divine hall he had hidden at the bottom of the swamp easily.

"There's not much time left!" Jian Chen scraped off some new powder and spread it on the divine hall again. Afterwards, he drew the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways without any hesitation and began to chip away at the rock with careful control over the sword.

A day later, Jian Chen finally reached the very centre of the rock after replacing the powder on the divine hall several times.

Immediately, an extremely resplendent light burst out. It was blinding and dazzling, like the most beautiful color in the world. Anyone who saw the light would become entranced by it.

Along with the resplendent light, a light presence that could focus the souls of people expanded as well. It resonated with the laws of the world, causing them to tremble as if it was invoking the endless mysteries of the universe.

Jian Chen became completely stunned with the appearance of the somewhat-familiar light. He stared at the shining jade within the rock in a daze as intense joy and disbelief filled his eyes.

“It’s fortune jade! It’s actually fortune jade!” Jian Chen murmured blankly. At that moment, he was in emotional turmoil. Great surprise and delight had filled him completely.

He knew exactly how precious fortune jade was. It was a unique treasure of the world. He had even learnt from the sword spirits that the Nirvanic Immortal Exalt, known as the greatest expert of the vast Immortals’ World, only possessed a piece of it, and it was not particularly big. It was only a third of the size of the Anatta Grand Prime’s fortune jade.

Jian Chen could not help but begin breathing heavily. He forcefully suppressed his excitement as he continued to swing the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways, carefully controlling its power to carve away the rock around the fortune jade.

Very soon, a complete piece of the fortune jade was presented before Jian Chen. It was roughly the size of the projection he had previously seen on the ninth floor of the Anatta Tower.

The only difference was that the projection he saw was circular, shaped like a cushion, while the fortune jade before him was irregularly shaped and the size of a millstone.

“What a huge piece of fortune jade. It’s probably the same size as the Anatta Grand Prime’s one.” Jian Chen became overjoyed when he stared at the fortune jade before him. However, he seemed to think of something and immediately stowed the fortune jade into a Space Ring before leaving the divine hall and returning to the swamp.

At that moment, he could no longer care about whether the presence of the Anatta Tower would be exposed or not. He directly took out the tower in the bottom of the swamp and tossed the fortune jade in there.

Jian Chen believed that something as precious as fortune jade could only be truly safe when stored in the Anatta Tower.

If he was elsewhere, he would have never been bold enough to take out the Anatta Tower, as the risk of exposing himself would be far greater. It was much safer here as he could use the natural geography to his advantage.

“I hope that the presence of the Anatta Tower won’t be exposed,” Jian Chen prayed inside. Even though he concealed the tower’s presence to the best of his ability, he did not have complete confidence.

After all, the peak experts all possessed exceptional abilities. Their capabilities had exceeded Jian Chen’s realm of understanding.

Suddenly, Jian Chen noticed something and looked to the side. The light in his eyes flickered as he pushed the power of his soul to the limit.

He actually discovered an extremely well-hidden concealing formation there.

“This is a natural formation, similar to the formation around where the ancient Skywolf passed away that I accidentally barged into. They can only conceal, but they’re flawless. All cultivators within formations like these basically only barge in accidentally,” Jian Chen distinguished the type of formation it was very soon with his special soul.

At this moment, something happened. The mud that pressed against Jian Chen in the surroundings began to churn violently. The powerful senses of a soul swept over with earth-shaking power, surging down from above. It approached the bottom of the swamp.

Jian Chen's face suddenly changed. He had Mo Tianyun's mask as a disguise and had no reason to worry about being exposed by the senses of the soul alone, but since it had come, it had definitely discovered something strange here. If he was discovered by the senses of the soul, there would be quite a lot of trouble. He might even face the risk of being completely exposed.

Without any hesitation at all, Jian Chen took a step and directly entered the concealing formation.

As soon as Jian Chen's figure vanished, the senses of the soul followed closely and reached the depths of the swamp. It moved about there as if it was searching for something.

However, Jian Chen was prepared beforehand. He left none of his presence there at all, so apart from the powder that he did not manage to clean up, he left no other traces at the bottom of the swamp.

However, even though the presence within the powder had grown extremely thin, it had not dispersed entirely. Perhaps the minimal amount of presence was unable to hide anything from Jian Chen, but to someone else, it was impossible for them to discover it with the senses of their soul as long as some of the presence remained.

As a result, the terrifying senses of the soul failed to find the powder. It also failed to discover the natural concealing formation there. In the end, it returned without finding anything after circling the bottom of the swamp for a while.

Chapter 2272: The Corpses of Ancient Beasts

Jian Chen was in no hurry to leave the concealing formation. Instead, he held his breath and concealed his presence, carefully hiding there and observing the situation at the bottom of the swamp.

Under the protection of the natural concealing formation, he silently waited until the surging mud at the bottom of the swamp gradually settled down. Only then did he become relieved.

He knew that the owner of the powerful senses of the soul had failed to find anything. Otherwise, the thing that had shot over would not have been as simple as the senses of their soul. It would be them in person.

"The senses of the soul seemed to have failed to discover the pile of powder I left there. If the powder was discovered, they would definitely know that someone has been here. If I was them, I'd definitely pay closer attention here or even visit this place in person," thought Jian Chen as his eyes shone brighter and brighter.

Originally, he believed the rock powder he discarded could no longer hide anything as the presence from the fortune jade had leaked away. After all, the rock powder was no longer able to hide from him. Only now did he suddenly realise that while he could sense the rock powder, that did not mean other experts could sense the power as well.

"If the layer of rock around the fortune jade was used properly, it would have unimaginable uses. It's just a pity that I've realised this too late. I've chipped off all the rock already, so the presence in them is

constantly leaking away. They won't last for long," Jian Chen was filled with regret. He sighed gently before quickly dismissing his thoughts. He temporarily put the matter of the fortune jade aside and began to study the world within the concealing formation seriously.

There was only darkness as far as the eye could see, with no light at all. It was just completely pitch-black.

However, the darkness there did not affect Jian Chen at all. His eyes shone brightly, directly piercing through the darkness and seeing the scene around him completely.

Exposed before Jian Chen was a long, narrow, and gloomy tunnel that led straight into the ground. The tunnel was twisted, spiralling down into the earth. It was impossible to see its bottom, which made it even more impossible to tell its depth.

Jian Chen sent out the senses of his soul instinctively, but to his surprise, the entire tunnel was filled with a mysterious energy that caused great obstruction to the senses of his soul. Even with his soul that had changed drastically after fusing with a sliver of Chaotic Force, having gained various unbelievable abilities, it was only able to expand five kilometres into the tunnel.

He had no idea how deep the tunnel was. Obviously, he found nothing with the limited range of his soul.

"This place is not very simple at all. Maybe there's some unknown, astonishing secret hidden down there..."

Jian Chen hesitated slightly as he stood within the narrow tunnel before beginning to make his way down.

The underground tunnel hidden by a naturally-occurring concealing formation had piqued Jian Chen's interest.

Jian Chen used the steps to make his way down. Along the way, he maintained his great vigilance, observing the surroundings at all times. As a result, he did not move very quickly at all.

It was impossible to have a sense over the flow of time in the dark tunnel. After who knows how long, Jian Chen finally reached the end of the tunnel. He was deep underground.

He glanced around. His eyes shone and pierced through the darkness, allowing him to see everything in the surroundings.

All he saw was a huge cavern. He had no idea how many tens of thousand metres it was in height, nor did he know how many tens of thousand metres it was in length. He had no idea how deep it was either.

Even Jian Chen's eyes were unable to see the end of the cavern.

As for the senses of his soul, the restraint here became even greater. The original five kilometres shrank to one kilometre. He could see further than that with his eyes.

Suddenly, Jian Chen's eyes narrowed slightly. The light in his eyes flickered as he stared straight ahead. He could vaguely see a colossal shadow crouching on the ground extremely far away.

It was just too far away. With Jian Chen's eyes alone, he was only able to see a blurry shadow. He was unable to tell what it was.

Jian Chen took a step and unleashed all the power in his Chaotic Body. With a flash, he appeared several kilometres away, rapidly hurrying into the distance.

This place was extremely well-hidden. He did not need to worry about the peak experts on the Desolate Plane discovering him, so there was no need for him to continue hiding his strength.

Under Jian Chen's full speed, he approached the huge shadow very soon. When he clearly saw what it was, he became completely stunned.

It was a colossal, ancient beast, several hundred thousand metres long. It lied on the ground without moving at all. It was a grand sight, several times larger than a mountain. As Jian Chen stood next to the beast with his stature, he even seemed smaller than an ant.

The ancient beast had evidently died long ago. It gave off no presence of life at all, and it was covered in shackles upon shackles. Each shackle radiated with the power of laws and was firmly wrapped around the ancient beast, plunging into its flesh.

The other end of the chain directly led off towards the depths of the cavern.

Jian Chen became sterner and sterner as he studied the corpse of the ancient beast and the shackles on it. The ancient beast had died many years ago, but the tremendous vital energy within it had not run out yet. It remained as tremendous as an ocean. At this moment, the tremendous vital energy was being led into the depths of the cavern endlessly along the chain.

Jian Chen arrived by the corpse and slowly extended his hand to touch it. He wanted to study the internal situation of the corpse.

The corpse was warm to the touch, not icy-cold. However, before Jian Chen could touch it properly, his face suddenly changed, and with a great jolt, he wrenched back his hand immediately. As if he was struck heavily, he staggered backwards.

The ancient beast was just too powerful when it was still alive. Although it was dead now and reduced to a corpse, the tremendous vital energy within its body continued to circulate constantly. Just the regular circulation had sent Jian Chen retreating.

If it was not for reaching the Major Achievement of the Chaotic Body, he probably would have been heavily injured by that alone.

"So powerful!" Jian Chen was extremely shocked. He sensed his painful right arm that almost shattered from the huge burden as he was in awe.

The ancient beast that had died many years ago and had its vital energy drained still possess such terrifying might. Just how terrifying was it supposed to be when it was still alive then?

Suddenly, Jian Chen's eyes narrowed, and he saw another blurry shadow in the distance. It was colossal.

With a single movement, Jian Chen shot off like an arrow into the distance to see what was there.

Very soon, he arrived before the second colossal shadow. He was completely taken back when he saw what it was.

The shadow also happened to be a huge, ancient beast. He had no idea how long it had been dead for, and it was also surrounded by shackles upon shackles that plunged into the flesh. The shackles constantly drained away the tremendous vital energy and funnelled it towards the depths of the cavern.

“What is this place?” Jian Chen was astounded. Both of these ancient beasts were extremely powerful and must have made a name for themselves when they were still alive, but they had been shackled underground on the Desolate Plane now, reduced to tools that provided vital energy.

Chapter 2273: The Headless Ape

“Just what is in the depths of this cavern? It actually needs the constant supply of vital energy from two powerful ancient beast corpses,” Jian Chen thought. He could not help but look towards the depths as he showed both surprise and doubt.

In the end, Jian Chen did not try to touch the two corpses recklessly. The two ancient beasts were just too powerful when they were alive. As such, even after their deaths, Jian Chen still could not endure their residual might.

Just the circulation of their vital energy could injure a few experts who had just reached the Primordial realm.

Afterwards, Jian Chen continued his investigation in the huge cavern, and his shock grew greater.

To his surprise, he discovered that there were far more than just two corpses. He discovered a total of six colossal corpses of ancient beasts in various places.

Without any exception, the six corpses were all covered in shackles as their tremendous vital energy was drawn away endlessly, delivered into the depths of the cavern.

The six corpses varied in shape, and they all originated from different species. There was a mountainous serpent dragon as well as a winged, golden dragon that stood as large as a planet. They were extremely powerful, where the pressure from their corpses seemed to be able to make the sky collapse and silence everything.

“What extravagance. Who arranged all of this?” Jian Chen was shocked. Six corpses of terrifyingly powerful ancient beasts gathered together had quite the mental impact.

He believed that any single one of them definitely would have been an invincible existence on the Desolate Plane if they were still alive, where no one could stop them.

Unfortunately, they had already died many years ago.

Continuing onwards, Jian Chen discovered a seventh corpse several tens of thousand kilometres away very soon.

It was a humanoid being. She seemed like a young woman with great beauty, standing several hundred metres tall. She gave off a supreme presence of invincibility as an undefeatable battle intent revolved around her. She seemed like a goddess of war.

This person was clearly not human. A feathered pair of colossal, golden wings draped down her back naturally. They were extremely pretty. Even though she no longer bore the presence of life, every single feather shone with resplendent golden light. It was dazzling as powerful energy circulate within.

However, her fate was also the most chilling. A metal chain stretched over from the depths of the cavern and split into three, piercing her dantian, heart, and the area between her eyes.

The surging vital energy within her was constantly drained away by the metal chains that stretched towards the depths of the dwelling.

Jian Chen became completely numb as he looked at the humanoid being that was hundreds of metres tall. He had completely fallen silent as his heart weighed heavily.

After remaining there for a while, he continued on his way. Before long, he discovered an eighth corpse.

The corpse belonged to a human expert. He had the appearance of a middle-aged man. He sat on the ground in golden robes as his eyes remained closed. A tremendous sense of righteousness revolved around the corpse.

A metal chain had also been split into three here, piercing his dantian, heart, and the area between the eyes.

The human expert had also died many years ago. He possessed no presence of life at all, only leaving behind the tremendous vital energy.

Jian Chen had no idea how powerful the human expert was when he was still alive. Even though just a corpse remained, Jian Chen felt chills as his heart shivered when he stood before him.

Clearly, the human expert's strength when he was still alive was no weaker than the six ancient beasts and the winged, humanoid being.

Jian Chen stood several metres away as he stared at the human expert deeply. Sorrow filled his eyes.

He knew that the human expert had not been someone sinful. The sense of righteousness that never dispersed was proof. He was definitely a straightforward man of righteousness.

However, his fate was so chilling. He had been reduced to a tool to supply vital energy.

Jian Chen felt grief from the bottom of his heart at this moment. However, he also knew that there was nothing he could do with his current strength.

In the end, he bowed at the human expert deeply before leaving.

Jian Chen continued on his way. He followed the chains and remained vigilant along the way, making his way towards the depths of the cavern.

He seriously wanted to know just what was hidden in the depths of the cavern that required such terrifying amounts of vital energy.

Before long, Jian Chen finally arrived at the depths. What he saw was a sea of blood. Terrifying vital energy shone with dazzling, blood-red light, dyeing the surroundings the same color.

The crashing of waves constantly rang out from the sea of blood. The tremendous vital energy surged constantly in there, erupting with astonishing ripples of energy that possessed devastating might.

Jian Chen's eyes suddenly narrowed. He stared right ahead. He did not pay too much attention to the sea of blood. Instead, he focused on what was above the sea of blood.

There was a huge ape covered in long, thick fur that hovered above the sea of blood without moving at all.

The ape's fur was a dark gold. It lied there without moving at all and was missing a head. Only a colossal body remained. The ape had also died many years ago.

The eight chains gathered above the ape's corpse, vaguely forming a profound and complicated formation. It drew in the vital energy from the eight corpses, and after being converted in the formation, it was poured into the ape.

Jian Chen even discovered that the residual vital energy in the sea of blood below the ape's corpse poured into the corpse at an extremely gradual rate as well. It was slowly absorbed by the ape.

The ape was not filled with a presence of death. Instead, it was brimming with life.

Even though the life force was like nothing compared to the ape's shocking strength, it meant that the ape had not completely died yet at the very least.

Its body still possessed a certain level of vitality.

"Has the tremendous vital energy been drained from the eight great experts just to rear and support this headless ape that died long ago?" Jian Chen was astounded as he stared at the ape closely.

"Who did all of this?" Jian Chen looked at the cavern. He could already vaguely guess that someone was probably trying to revive the ape.

Just nurturing the body of the ape require the corpses of eight monstrously powerful experts. Then just how powerful was this ape with dark gold fur?

Jian Chen took a step to approach the ape up ahead. He wanted to study it closer.

However, when he reached a hundred kilometres from the ape's corpse, terrifying vital energy erupted from the ape's body. Like a storm, it rushed towards Jian Chen in a single instance.

Chapter 2274: The Eight Experts

Jian Chen's face changed drastically. Without any hesitation, he retreated rapidly, but the vital energy was just too fast. In the end, it still struck Jian Chen with great force.

Spurt! Blood sprayed out from Jian Chen's mouth as he was knocked away. The vital energy was just too terrifying. Even with the protection of the Chaotic Body, he still became quite injured.

The eruption of energy from the ape's body immediately caused the sea of blood there to toss and turn. At the same time, ancient, lingering consciousnesses within the cavern awakened from their slumber as if they had been startled.

Through his unique soul, Jian Chen immediately sensed the consciousnesses awaken in the cavern. It made him become uneasy.

“Do not get within a hundred kilometres of the Ancient Great Ape...”

“How many years has it been? Finally, a living being has come...”

“It’s a pity that he’s too weak...”

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The consciousnesses all awakened and emitted mental pulses that echoed through the cavern.

Eight blurry, illusionary figures appeared around Jian Chen.

Two of them were extremely familiar to Jian Chen. The first one was a beautiful woman. She possessed a pair of golden wings on her back and seemed exactly the same as the seventh corpse he had discovered.

The only difference was that the seventh corpse stood several hundred metres tall, while the figure before him was the size of a human.

The second familiar figure was the human expert he saw that gave off a sense of righteousness.

Jian Chen glanced past the six other figures. They varied in age and gender, but they were all like apparitions as well.

It was impossible for Jian Chen not to realise that the six remaining figures were the six colossal beasts he saw at the very start.

However, they had not presented themselves in their original forms but as humans.

“Junior Jian Chen greets the eight seniors,” Jian Chen immediately clasped his fist towards the eight illusionary figures as he showed respect from the bottom of his heart.

This was respect towards power because he knew the eight figures possessed extremely terrifying power when they were still alive. They could easily unleash devastating might, where they could disperse a galaxy with the flip of a hand.

The eight experts all looked at Jian Chen. As they studied Jian Chen, they could not help but shake their heads. Undisguised disappointment filled their faces.

“Indeed, he’s too weak...”

“We’ve waited for so many years, yet only a junior as weak as this has come...”

“Sigh, he has already awakened our lingering consciousnesses. We don’t have much time left...”

“It’s impossible for our lingering consciousnesses to keep existing since then. Once we’re awakened, we’ll disperse before long...”

“It’s just a pity that he cannot fulfil our request...”

“We are out of options, so let’s still try it...”

The eight experts discussed with one another as they showed much helplessness.

Jian Chen seemed to make out something from their conversation. He clasped his hands at the eight experts and said, “Seniors, may I ask what you want me to do? If there’s anywhere I am of use, and it is within my abilities, I will definitely assist you with all that I have.”

The illusionary figures of the eight experts hovered in the air. After hearing Jian Chen’s words, they entered a short moment of thought.

Afterwards, the human expert said, “You’ve already seen Gusta’s body, so you must also understand that our existence is only to provide abundant vital energy to nourish Gusta’s body.”

“Gusta? That headless ape?” Jian Chen asked.

“That’s right. The name of the ape is Gusta. He’s the most powerful king of the Ancient Great Apes. He died many years ago, having been beheaded. Although he seemed like he’s dead, he’s not completely dead. A sliver of life still remains.”

“The experts of the Ancient Great Apes wholeheartedly want to revive Gusta, so the eight of us were trapped here by the two other kings of the Ancient Great Apes. They used an ancient secret technique to drain our vital energy so that they could revive Gusta,” said the human expert.

Jian Chen came to a realisation from that. Originally, he thought that the eight experts had died in battle elsewhere before having their corpses being collected by someone and gathered here.

He had never thought that the eight of them had been trapped here while they were still alive.

Every single one of the eight experts was extremely powerful. Even after dying many years ago, they were still enough to make Jian Chen shivered. He struggled to imagine just how powerful the people who were able to trap such terrifying experts here would be.

At this moment, the winged woman said, “The Ancient Great Apes want to use the eight of us to revive their most powerful king. Naturally, we won’t let them get what they wish. Not only will we prevent them from succeeding, but we’ll completely destroy Gusta’s body as well. However, the eight of us are dead after all. All that remains is a sliver of consciousness that bears regret from our lives. We can’t complete what needs to be done.”

The woman looked at Jian Chen deeply, “As a result, we can only leave the matter of destroying Gusta’s corpse to you.”

Jian Chen’s heart sank when he heard that. He said bitterly, “Seniors, I may have to disappoint you. My strength is puny. I can’t even approach Gusta’s corpse, let alone destroy it.”

Jian Chen felt troubled. Even if he possessed the strength to destroy Gusta’s body, he would not be willing to do so.

This was because once he did that, he would have completely offended the Ancient Great Apes.

“You don’t need to worry. We’ve already set up everything when we were still alive. We just don’t have the power to carry it out ourselves.” The human expert said, “We’ve already engraved many layers of forbidden formations within our bodies. Once it’s activated, it’ll connect all of our bodies, and the remaining vital energy will fuse together. Even though our vital energy has been constantly drained away during all these years and only a bare minimum remains, there’s still more vital energy when you pour it all together compared to any one of us at our peak conditions. We’ll use the terrifying vital energy to deal a powerful attack through the formations, which would be enough to destroy Gusta’s body.”

“My bloodline contains the power of corpses. Hmph, the Ancient Great Apes dares to murder me, so I will never let them have things easy. Not only will I destroy Gusta’s body, but my power of curses will also use Gusta’s bloodline as a medium to curse all the clansmen of the Ancient Great Apes across space. It’ll make all of them pay a heavy price,” an old man with a hooked nose fumed among the eight experts.

“The Ancient Great Apes should become extinct...” The figures from the other ancient beasts all said together. They were filled with hatred.

“If I really do something like that, I probably won’t be able to avoid being hunted down by the Ancient Great Apes. That’ll be both an arduous and fruitless matter for me to complete,” said Jian Chen.

Chapter 2275: The Eight Laws

“You don’t need to worry. We won’t treat you unfairly. Moreover, you won’t get hunted down by the experts of the Ancient Great Apes because this cavern has already become filled with our formations. Coupled with the suppression from the presence of our bodies, it’s impossible for any of your puny presence to linger. Moreover, our powerful consciousnesses from when we were still alive have interfered with the heavenly secrets here, disturbing the laws here. Hence, even abilities like turning back time will be rendered useless. Without any exaggeration, everything you do in this cavern will leave behind no traces at all. The experts of the Ancient Great Apes naturally won’t be able to find you,” said the human expert.

“If you help us, the eight of us will give you a fortuitous encounter. It definitely won’t be arduous and fruitless for you,” said the winged woman.

“A fortuitous encounter? May I ask what kind of fortuitous encounter?” Jian Chen became interested. He looked at the peak experts who must have been renowned when they were still alive. It was impossible for the fortuitous encounters they left behind to be disappointing.

“We can give you our golden cores of laws. Kid, I wonder if that’s enough,” a burly, red-haired, middle-aged man said.

“Golden cores of laws!” Jian Chen could not help but cry out when he heard that.

Once an expert’s comprehension of the laws of the world reached a certain level, it would result in a reserve of laws.

This reserve was condensed from the laws of the world. It hid the mysteries of the laws of the world, which was why it was called a golden core of laws.

“If I obtain your golden cores of laws, will I be able to reach the same level as you in a short amount of time?” Jian Chen was interested.

The red-haired man chuckled from Jian Chen’s ignorance. He bellowed out, “Kid, you really have let your imaginations run wild. Reaching our former level through a golden core of laws alone? Do you really think the laws of the world are that easy to comprehend?”

“The comprehension of laws within a golden core of laws will only remain without dispersing through the maintenance of special ancient techniques. As a result, the golden cores of laws we’ve left behind have almost run dry, where the comprehension that remains is less than a tenth of its peak condition. However, even with that being the case, a single golden core of laws can allow a Deity to reach the Primordial realm within a thousand years.”

“Apart from the golden cores of laws, we’ve prepared three portions of vital energy as well. The amount of energy within each portion should be able to increase your strength by quite a lot at your current level.”

“Aside from that, we’ll pass on our supreme secret techniques that we invented ourselves. We’ve spent a lengthy amount of time to perfect them, so we don’t wish to see them become lost.”

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The remaining experts said, laying down various benefits.

It had to be mentioned that the remuneration they offered was extremely plentiful, tempting Jian Chen deeply. He struggled to decline.

“Alright, I agree. What do I have to do now?” Jian Chen asked.

“We’re only a sliver of consciousness now, and we’ll truly disperse in the surroundings soon. In order to prevent you from going back on your word, swear to the laws of the world first...”

“Alright...” Jian Chen immediately swore an oath. After he did so, he discovered that there seemed to be an invisible restraint around him.

He knew that this was the bond of the oath, so he stopped thinking about it. Under the guidance of the eight experts, he arrived beside their bodies.

Afterwards, the eight figures all formed seals with their hands, and in the next moment, eight long streaks of golden light shot over and hovered before them.

Jian Chen looked at the eight golden core of laws that shone brightly. Even though they seemed the same on the surface, they actually contained completely different laws.

The eight laws were the Laws of Curses, the Laws of Strength, the Laws of Corrosion, the Laws of Creation, the Laws of Fire, the Laws of Destruction, the Laws of the Sword, and the Laws of Space.

The Laws of the Sword came from the righteous human expert.

“If you want to activate the formations we’ve cast down to destroy Gusta’s body, you need to comprehend our laws first. Only then can you come in contact with our bodies and awaken the last portion of power hidden within them.”

“And to awaken that power, you need to comprehend all the laws we’ve left behind to Godking because only such a level will be enough to awaken our power.”

“Once the power within our bodies have been awakened, you need a Primordial realm expert to pour energy into the centre of the formation and activate the formations we’ve cast down.”

“Once the formation is activated, our vital energy will fuse together under the influence of the formation and unleash a powerful strike to destroy Gusta’s body as well as the Ancient Great Apes’ plan to revive their most powerful king.”

“The supreme secret techniques we’ve created are hidden within the golden core of laws. They’ve merged with the comprehension inside, so inheriting our golden core of laws means that you’ll be able to grasp our secret techniques as well.”

“Kid, are you ready? Get ready to inherit the power of our laws.”

The eight experts said. They were about to fuse the golden core of laws into Jian Chen.

“Hold on, you can’t get me to inherit it all alone, right? Comprehending eight laws simultaneously will affect my cultivation speed,” Jian Chen called out in a hurry to stop them. If he really had to comprehend the eight laws, he would have to spend much, much more time on cultivation compared to before.

“There’s only you, and the eight laws is the only method to awaken the power within our bodies. As a result, only you can inherit the eight laws. The eight golden cores of laws can’t be taken out either. Once they have been taken out, you won’t be able to conceal them from the heavenly secrets no matter what you do. People will be able to discover you. Once the experts of the Ancient Great Apes sense it, all of our set up will go to waste.”

“Our consciousnesses are about to disperse. We can’t wait for you to go out and find other people. As a result, we have no choice but to have you inherit the eight laws alone.”

“Hold on, who said I’m alone?” With a thought, the Anatta Tower appeared, and Jian Chen called out Kai Ya first.

Afterwards, he stowed the Anatta Tower away and took out the divine hall. He called out, “Qing Yixuan, Hei Ya, come out.”

Chapter 2276: Fortuitous Encounter?

“The Anatta Tower!”

“I never thought you’d be carrying one of the three treasures of the Anatta Grand Prime, the Anatta Tower...”

“The Anatta Tower is of the highest quality as well as one of the most powerful god artifacts in the world. I never thought it would become so damaged...”

“The only people that can damage the Anatta Tower to such a degree must be one of the sovereigns of the world who has reached the limits of Grand Prime...”

“Looking at the slashes on the Anatta Tower, the Anatta Grand Prime probably fought with the strongest expert of the Immortals’ World, the Nirvanic Immortal Exalt...”

“It looks like a lot has happened in the Saints’ World since we passed away...”

“It’s very likely that the Infinite Cataclysm descended, but none of that has got anything to do with us...”

The eight experts all sighed emotionally when they saw the Anatta Tower. Clearly, even though they were just a lingering sliver of consciousness from their former lives, they still possessed all of their memories.

“Jian Chen, where is this place? And who are they?” Kai Ya asked in doubt as soon as she walked out of the Anatta Tower. She studied the huge cavern around her before looking at the eight experts in the end. The light in her eyes flickered with surprise and uncertainty.

For some reason, she felt a strange sense of familiarity from the figures of the eight experts as if she had seen them before.

Kai Ya could swear that she had never seen them before, but she just happened to experience such a feeling.

Jian Chen gave Kai Ya a simple explanation, giving her a rough understanding of what had happened here. Afterwards, Hei Ya and Qing Yixuan emerged from the divine hall as well.

Hei Ya’s presence was much more powerful and denser than before. He had made huge advances during his secluded cultivation. With the assistance of all the cultivation resources and the Flower of Ways from Jian Chen, Hei Ya had reached the very peak of Godking. He was preparing to breakthrough to the Primordial realm now.

As soon as Hei Ya emerged from the divine hall, he arrived behind Jian Chen. Even though he was very curious about this place, he did not ask anything at all. He truly treated himself as a servant.

As for Qing Yixuan, she bit her lip gently. She glanced at Jian Chen and Kai Ya and said nothing at all. She arrived behind Jian Chen silently and stood beside Hei Ya.

Jian Chen still had his disguise on right now and so did Kai Ya. Hence, Qing Yixuan failed to realise their real identities even now.

However, as soon as Qing Yixuan arrived behind Jian Chen, she was pulled in front of him. Jian Chen said nothing at all and pushed her forward. He said to the human expert, “Senior, she also comprehends the Laws of the Sword. Can she inherit your legacy?”

The limits of the comprehension within the golden cores of laws was less than a tenth of what the eight experts possessed when they were still alive. Let alone reaching their former level of cultivation, but even breaking through to Chaotic Prime would be wishful thinking with the golden cores of laws alone. It would basically only be enough to reach the Primordial realm.

Jian Chen's comprehension of the Laws of the Sword had reached late Godking already. He only needed to take another step, and he would reach the Primordial realm. Not only did his soul change, allowing him to comprehend the laws of the world with greater clarity now, but he also possessed the fortune jade. He believed that this entire process would not take him long.

As a result, it would be a little too wasteful if he used the golden core of laws with the Laws of the Sword. If Qing Yixuan inherited it, not only would he be able to assist his acquaintance, but he would be able to use the golden core of laws to its full capacity as well.

Qing Yixuan was pushed forwards by Jian Chen. She had no idea what was going on. Afterwards, when she heard Jian Chen mention the legacy, she immediately became stunned. She was at a loss.

The illusionary human expert who hovered in the air looked at Qing Yixuan. After studying her slightly, he nodded in satisfaction, "She can."

He did not even ask for Qing Yixuan's agreement. With that, the golden core of laws hovering before him turned into a golden streak of light and shot into Qing Yixuan's head.

Immediately, Qing Yixuan exploded with golden light. Extremely pure strands of power from the Laws of the Sword revolved around her, causing her to close her eyes uncontrollably and enter a state of comprehension. She was accepting the legacy.

As if the human expert's final wish had been completed, he smiled in liberation, and his illusionary body began to vanish. A while later, it had completely dispersed.

Jian Chen secretly sighed when he looked at how the human expert's consciousness had vanished. He knew that a righteous human expert had completely disappeared from the world.

"Kai Ya, you comprehend the Laws of Creation, Destruction, and Fire, so you should inherit those three laws," Jian Chen dismissed his thoughts and said to Kai Ya.

However, Kai Ya remained calm. She did not become excited at all. She glanced at the three golden cores of laws indifferently and said, "I don't need it. It's best if you inherit it."

"Kai Ya!" Jian Chen frowned.

"Jian Chen, you should know that my comprehension of laws is different from others, and there's only a limited amount of comprehension remaining in these golden cores of laws. They really won't be of any use to me," Kai Ya said seriously.

Jian Chen thought of the possibility that Kai Ya was the reincarnation of a certain expert from that, and he no longer said anything more. Then he looked at Hei Ya and asked him which law he wanted to inherit.

"His talent is far too ordinary. Let alone the fact that it'll be a huge waste if we give him a golden core of laws, but it'll be detrimental to him as well to comprehend two laws of the same time with his talent."

"That's right. He only needs to focus on comprehending his own law with his talent. Before he becomes a Grand Prime, there's no need to comprehend a second law."

The seven experts objected.

“Thank you for your bestowment, master, but I think it’s better to follow the recommendations of the seniors and focus on my own law,” Hei Ya added as well.

“Fair enough,” Jian Chen sighed gently. Hei Ya’s talent was indeed nothing special. It was obvious with how he had never made it onto the Godkings’ Throne even after becoming a peak Godking.

He also knew that even when Hei Ya reached the Primordial realm, he would only be a regular Primordial realm expert. The top ten of the Godkings’ Throne would be able to hold their ground against him.

Even Shui Yunlan could defeat him if she was still a Godking.

“I’ll inherit the seven remaining laws then,” Jian Chen said helplessly. Afterwards, he let Kai Ya and Qing Yixuan, who was still in a state of comprehension, into the Anatta Tower and let Hei Ya back into the divine hall. He formally accepted the legacies from the seven experts.

Under the control of the seven experts, the seven shining golden cores of laws shot into Jian Chen’s forehead as streaks of light.

In that instance, Jian Chen shone brightly. The power of the seven laws revolved around him as the laws of the world seemed to resonate.

The consciousnesses of the seven experts did not disperse. They remained in the surroundings, staring straight at Jian Chen. Excitement and eagerness filled their faces.

“This kid’s soul is extremely strange. I hope we can benefit from his soul...”

“Moreover, he cultivates the Chaotic Body and has attained quite the accomplishment with it. His vital energy is extremely dense. It’s enough to nourish the fragment of our souls...”

“It’s just a pity that swordmaster Yun Chi was simply too stubborn, unwilling to follow us. He has truly died...”

“I can sense that this kid’s soul seems to be able to contain all the laws of the world. That’s extremely rare. If we can obtain a fragment of his soul and refine it into our own souls, it’ll be a huge fortuitous encounter without a doubt...”

“Everyone, we’ll meet again in the future. I’ll be leaving first...”

Afterwards, the huge cavern fell completely silent. The consciousnesses of the seven experts all dispersed in the surroundings.

Chapter 2277: Rapid Advance

Having already entered a state of comprehension, Jian Chen did not seem to hear the conversation between the seven experts. Currently, a layer of dazzling golden light surrounded him. Various laws revolved around him as he entered a state of selflessness where he devoted himself to the comprehension of laws.

The Laws of Creation, Destruction, Fire, Strength, Space, Corrosion, and Curses would appear from time to time, enveloping him. It made the space around him resonate with the laws of the world.

Comprehending seven different laws simultaneously was an especially great challenge to any cultivator or even impossible. Not only did it require an absolutely astonishing aptitude for comprehension, but there was also a need for an extremely great affinity with the laws of the world.

However, it did not seem too difficult for Jian Chen.

Jian Chen was able to sense all three thousand laws. Coupled with the unbelievable transformation of his soul after fusing with the strand of true Chaotic Force, he became even closer to the laws of the world and was able to sense them with even greater clarity.

As a result, Jian Chen basically had no difficulties in comprehending the seven laws.

Moreover, he had already grasped the Laws of Destruction out of the seven laws, so he only truly needed to comprehend the remaining six.

In just seven days, Jian Chen comprehended the first law. He grasped the laws of creation and reached a rudimentary level of comprehension that would be akin to Deities.

Jian Chen immediately stopped comprehending the Laws of Creation after reaching this rudimentary level, turning his attention to a second law.

In the blink of an eye, three months had passed, and Jian Chen finally roused from cultivation. Apart from the Laws of Destruction, he had comprehended all six remaining laws during that time. They had all formally reached the level of Deity. He had grasped them all.

Seven golden core of laws hovered silently within his soul. The power within them had not decreased significantly.

Clearly, Jian Chen had not depleted the golden core of laws by much at all when he was comprehending the six new laws.

“The eight seniors said that a single golden core of laws is enough for a Deity to reach the Primordial realm in a thousand years. However, I don’t need a thousand years at all to comprehend them to the Primordial realm.” Jian Chen opened his eyes, and the light in them flickered. He showed great confidence before taking out the piece of fortune jade he had placed in the Anatta Tower.

“Fortune jade, it’ll all up to you for me to comprehend all these laws to Godking.” Undisguised excitement filled Jian Chen’s face as he looked at the shining fortune jade.

Afterwards, he placed the fortune jade on the ground and sat down on it. He began to comprehend the laws of the world.

Now, he needed to raise his comprehension of the laws from Deity to Godking.

Only with the power of Godking level laws would he be able to awaken the final amount of power hidden within the eight experts.

Immediately, a profound power of fortune radiated out from below along with the presence of laws.

Jian Chen promptly felt like he had ingested some Comprehension Tea. His head cleared up as many ideas flickered through his head. Immediately, he felt his affinity for comprehension skyrocket, where the profound laws of the world became easier to sense and understand.

“My Laws of Destruction have already reached late Overgod. I only need one more step to break through to Godking, so let’s raise the Laws of Destruction first,” Jian Chen thought. Afterwards, his consciousness began to revolve around the golden core of laws for the Laws of Destruction in his soul, using what was hidden in there to comprehend.

Strands of pure power of laws drifted out from the golden core of laws.

Jian Chen did not absorb the power of laws directly. Instead, he used them to comprehend the truths of the world within. Whenever he came to a realisation about something, a sliver of the power would fuse into his soul, truly absorbing it. It allowed his comprehension of the Laws of Destruction to constantly deepen.

However, before long, Jian Chen suddenly felt agitated.

He instinctively stopped cultivating. When he opened his eyes, he was already frowning.

Jian Chen sat on the fortune jade as the resplendent power of fortune completely enveloped him. He sank into his thoughts with his eyes opened.

He had entered a state of selflessness as he cultivated, having truly settled down like still water. However, he had suddenly felt agitated for no reason.

Moreover, the agitation immediately vanished completely after he stopped cultivating. Jian Chen felt that something was off.

He sat on the fortune jade in thought for a very long time as the light in his eyes flickered uneasily. Afterwards, he pushed the sensitivity of the senses of his soul to the limit to inspect every nook and cranny of his body. The seven golden cores of laws in his soul became his point of focus.

In the end, he failed to find any irregularities.

Jian Chen thought silently. A strange light flickered through his eyes, and his gaze gradually deepened. A while later, he closed his eyes and continued to comprehend the Laws of Destruction.

Afterwards, he did not feel agitated again, allowing him to comprehend the Laws of Destruction extraordinarily smoothly.

A month later, the power of Godking level laws descended and enveloped Jian Chen.

His Laws of Destruction had finally reached Godking.

Now, his Laws of the Sword and Laws of Destruction had both reached the level of Godking.

His Laws of the Sword was already at late Godking, equivalent to the great perfection of sword spirit. If he took one more step, he would reach the Primordial realm, which was equivalent to Sword Immortal.

However, Jian Chen also knew that this step could not be taken easily. Even though his soul was different from before, which allowed him to comprehend the laws of the world with greater clarity,

reaching Sword Immortal was still not something he could achieve in a single day even with the assistance of the fortune jade. The further he went, the more difficult the comprehension and breakthroughs of laws would become. He needed to accumulate understanding and comprehension over time.

“There really is a secret technique hidden within the golden core of laws. It’s just that this secret technique is of quite a high grade. Grasping it will require quite a lot of time for comprehension, but I don’t have that time right now.”

“Whatever, I’ll just comprehend the secret technique in the future. Let’s continue comprehending the laws,” thought Jian Chen. He did not stop at all, continuing his comprehension of a second law, the Laws of Space.

In Jian Chen’s opinion, since he had already grasped the Laws of the Sword and the Laws of Destruction, he was not in need of offensive laws. As a result, out of the remaining laws, the Laws of Space would clearly be more useful.

He had to start from scratch with comprehending the Laws of Space. Naturally, he would not be able to comprehend it as quickly as the Laws of Destruction.

However, even with that being the case, he only used half a year to reach the level of Godkings with the Laws of Space.

Of course, this was not indicative of how impressive Jian Chen’s talent was. Aside from the crucial assistance of the fortune jade, the greatest reason why he could advance so fast was because of the golden core of laws.

Jian Chen had only achieved this thanks to the golden core of laws. Like a miracle, he comprehended the law from its rudimentary level to Godking in a single sitting.

“Spatial Devouring Technique!”

“Cosmos Shift!”

Jian Chen had also inherited the two spatial secret techniques after comprehending the Laws of Space to Godking. They were both of extremely high grades. The Spatial Devouring Technique was an offensive technique, while Cosmos Shift seemed more like a technique for escape from its description.

Chapter 2278: The Storm Continues

“Through the powers of space, break free from the restraints of the world and stride over the flow of time to travel hundreds of million kilometres away,” Jian Chen’s eyes lit up from the description of the technique as he became interested.

He discovered that not only was Cosmos Shift an extremely powerful method of escape, but it was also an impressive method for travelling.

It could let him cross hundreds of million kilometres in an instance. That was basically across an entire great plane. Some great planes were not even hundreds of million kilometres across.

Clearly, this secret technique was more than suitable for travelling in outer space. It would even save him from using teleportation formations across planes, allowing him to save a great sum of five-colored divine crystals.

“I feel like this Cosmos Shift is far more difficult to use than the Spatial Devouring Technique. It’s just far too hard to use it with the comprehension of laws at the level of Godkings. I even doubt whether I can gain a rudimentary grasp over the technique with my level of Laws of Space.”

“But without a single doubt, it’ll take an extremely long time to master it,” Jian Chen thought. The eight experts were far too terrifying when they were still alive. Their level of cultivation had exceeded his imagination. Supreme secret techniques they created would naturally be of an impressive quality. The mysteries of the world that the secret techniques used were just too profound to him right now.

As a result, it was impossible for him to gain a rudimentary grasp over these secret techniques as easily as he did with the Radiant Artes.

“There’s still around a year before the competition between the candidates begins. I’ll take advantage of this time and comprehend a few more laws,” thought Jian Chen before continuing to comprehend a law.

Time passed silently. In the blink of an eye, another half a year went by. On this day, Jian Chen roused from his selfless state of cultivation, and Godking level laws revolved around him once again.

With this half a year of comprehension, his Laws of Strength had reached early Godking.

“Just as I had expected. The Laws of Strength can indeed amplify my Chaotic Force. If I fuse the Laws of Strength into my body, my Chaotic Body will become thirty percent stronger. This increase is not just in toughness but in brute strength as well,” Jian Chen secretly rejoiced when he sensed the changes that the Laws of Strength had brought him.

“And that’s only the Laws of Strength at early Godking. In the future, as my comprehension of the Laws of Strength rapidly deepen, and my cultivation rapidly increases, the amplifying effect will become greater and greater as well,” Jian Chen’s eyes shone brightly. The help that the Laws of Strength brought to him was just too great. It directly increased his battle prowess. At that moment, he was even tempted to use the golden core of laws to comprehend the Laws of Strength to peak Godking in a single breath.

He believed that once the Laws of Strength reached late Godking, his Chaotic Body would definitely be amplified by more than thirty percent.

However, he did not have that much time left now.

“Out of the seven laws, I’ve already comprehended the Laws of Destruction, Space, and Strength to Godking. All that remains is the Laws of Creation, Fire, Corrosion, and Curses. Kai Ya happens to have grasped the Laws of Creation and Fire, and they also happen to be at Godking.”

“I won’t worry about the Laws of Creation and Fire for now. Let’s comprehend the Laws of Corrosion and Curses first,” Jian Chen ended up choosing the Laws of Curses after a moment of thought.

Jian Chen concentrated on cultivation and paid no attention to other matters. As he was furiously raising his strength, the Desolate Plane had not been peaceful at all.

After several years of build-up, the upheaval caused by Jian Chen on the Desolate Plane did not decrease. It only grew stronger.

More and more peak experts and organisations arrived on the Desolate Plane, searching for Jian Chen's whereabouts on the Desolate Plane under the excuse of sharing the burden with the first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng. Not only did they flip through the entire Desolate Plane, but even the bottom of the swamp where Jian Chen found the fortune jade was not spared. Even all the peak organisations that belonged on the Desolate Plane had been searched countless times.

Even the Radiant Saint Hall that stood above the clouds had been visited by outsiders several times. They even almost ended up entering the Tower of Radiance, causing the leader of the Radiant Saint Hall to fly into a furious rage. He almost ended up fighting with the outsiders.

Similar occurrences happened with the other peak organisations on the Desolate Plane. Many of their forbidden grounds that had been deemed as an absolute secret had almost been intruded on by the outsiders.

During this time, the reckless actions of the outsiders had created a mess across the entire plane. Many organisations of various sizes complained about it.

However, with the current situation, the native organisations were helpless. They felt wronged, but there was nothing they could do about it. This was because as the outsiders and foreign clans and organisations rapidly increased in number, their strength gradually reached a point where they could suppress all the native organisations on the Desolate Plane.

Moreover, they used the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng as an excuse, which made the native organisations powerless.

However, these outsiders gradually became flustered after failing to find Jian Chen even after so long. A rumour that Jian Chen had already fled the Desolate Plane gradually made its way around.

"The only place that hasn't been searched on the Desolate Plane is where the Celestial Sword Saint cultivates," the foreign peak experts would communicate with one another frequently and discuss their thoughts. At that moment, some people began suspecting the Celestial Sword Saint.

"Do you think Jian Chen is hiding where the Celestial Sword Saint cultivates?"

"Do we have to go disturb the Celestial Sword Saint?"

"The Celestial Sword Saint is not an existence you'd want to provoke."

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The expressions of all the foreign experts changed when the Celestial Sword Saint was mentioned. They frowned.

"The Celestial Sword Saint is indeed not someone you'd want to provoke, but we're assisting the first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, helping her find her master's Anatta Tower sooner. I refuse to believe that this Celestial Sword Saint would be bold enough to offend the first majesty. We all know exactly how terrifying she is."

“Alright. Let’s gather some people and go visit the Celestial Sword Saint...”

Immediately, the outsiders quickly gathered over a dozen peak experts and went to where the Celestial Sword Saint cultivated.

The Celestial Sword Saint was an extremely great existence on the Desolate Plane. He was extremely powerful, possessing the title of the greatest expert on the Desolate Plane for many years. Across the entire plane, there were no organisations that dared to stand up to the Celestial Sword Saint.

The Sword God Mountains was an ancient mountain range on the Desolate Plane. Many sword-like mountains stood there. The Celestial Sword Saint spent most of his time cultivating there, without paying any attention to the matters around him.

On this day, over a dozen foreign experts came together. They were extremely polite and had come under the guise of visiting the Celestial Sword Saint. They wanted to search the Sword God Mountains for Jian Chen.

“Piss off!”

In the next moment, a deafening roar boomed out from the depths of the mountain. It rang out in a magnificent manner, where the terrifying sounds waves even cracked space. The voice was so powerful that it rang across the entire Desolate Plane.

A terrifyingly powerful sword intent radiated out from the depths of the Sword God Mountains with the voice. At that moment, the entire world seemed to have become a domain of sword Qi.

The expressions of all the peak experts changed. They were immediately forced back in a stagger.

“Celestial Sword Saint, we’re only helping the first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng. Why do you get in our way?” A middle-aged man called out from among the foreign experts.

“The person you’re looking for isn’t here. If you dare to say something else, I’ll take your head,” the Celestial Sword Saint replied in an overbearing manner.

The faces of the experts darkened and paled, but in the end, none of them dared to say anything more. They left in low spirits.

Chapter 2279: The News from the Azure Peng King

“These outsiders are becoming more and more reckless. They even went to the Celestial Sword Saints’ Sword God Mountains...”

“They are far too confident. They think they can do whatever they want, striking fear in everyone’s hearts as long as they mention the first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng. However, they need to consider who the Celestial Sword Saint is...”

“Hmph, these outsiders can indeed overwhelm us if they work together, but the Celestial Sword Saint has never taken them seriously...”

“These outsiders sure were cautious. They visited the Sword God Mountains politely and did not barge in forcefully. Otherwise, I think we will see over a dozen heads fly into the air...”

“Sigh, what a pity. The Celestial Sword Saint didn’t actually take action...”

When the Celestial Sword Saint demonstrated his courage and forced the peak experts to retreat in low spirits, the native experts and important figures of various organisations all allowed their senses of their souls to meet. They discussed with one another, feeling extremely satisfied.

There was also a tiny portion of pity.

In the past few days, they, the peak organisations that originally reigned over the Desolate Plane, had been searched fearlessly by these outsiders under the name of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng. They had already begun to nurse grievances as they became furious over the whole matter. However, they were helpless because of their strength and their fear towards the first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng.

The Celestial Sword Saint’s impressive reply finally allowed these peak organisations to feel proud and satisfied again.

“It’s just a pity that the Celestial Sword Saint only cares about cultivation and none of the worldly matters, making it impossible for him to interfere with any of the conflicts on the Desolate Plane. Otherwise, these outsiders would not act so brazenly as long as he stood forward...”

“What do you know? He’s what you truly call a sage who stands above all...”

Some peak experts expressed their disappointment over how the Celestial Sword Saint allowed these outsiders to act as they pleased on the Desolate Plane.

When the outsiders truly sensed the Celestial Sword Saint’s strength, they became slightly more obedient, unwilling to set foot in the Sword God Mountains again.

However, their search for Jian Chen still continued.

Three months later, when there were only two months until the competition between the candidates for Chosen Saint, the outsiders finally gradually lost their patience. There were so many of them, and they had turned over every stone on the Desolate Plane several times, yet they had still failed to find any trace of Jian Chen. Gradually, more and more of them began to waver and believe the rumour that Jian Chen had already fled the Desolate Plane.

As a result, a few clans were ready to pull out from the search on the Desolate Plane.

“Jian Chen is still on the Desolate Plane!”

However, just when they were about to leave, a voice rang out far and wide from outer space.

The azure-robed, sheet-white Azure Peng King hovered beyond the Desolate Plane. His eyes were vicious as heavy killing intent revolved around him.

“Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance, how are you certain that Jian Chen is on the Desolate Plane?” An outsider asked from the Desolate Plane. He did not speak loudly, but it crossed the huge distance, allowing the Azure Peng King to hear his words clearly.

“I was once in possession of Jian Chen’s blood. With the blood, I used secret techniques several times to search for him. Even though I no longer have the blood, I still have a vague sense of his traces, which is why I’m certain that Jian Chen is still on the Desolate Plane,” said the Azure Peng King.

“Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance, where is Jian Chen then?” The outsiders on the Desolate Plane all became interested when they heard that.

They had searched for so long, and finally, they were about to find where Jian Chen was hidden.

However, many of the experts felt admiration towards Jian Chen at the same time. He was a puny Godking, yet he could avoid so many peak experts until now. Not everyone could accomplish something like that.

“If I still had a droplet of Jian Chen’s blood, it would be very easy to find him on the Desolate Plane. However, I’ve already lost the blood now. My ability to sense him comes from the last time I used the secret technique. However, this feeling has become fainter and fainter. It’ll vanish completely within three years at most,” the Azure Peng King said from outer space.

He knew that once he completely lost track of Jian Chen, it would truly be impossible for him to find Jian Chen in the vast Saints’ World. As a result, having run out of options, he could only reveal this information.

“Jian Chen, even if I can’t get the Anatta Tower, I will never leave you alive,” the Azure Peng King thought to himself. He was a vengeful person. Once someone wronged him, he would never miss a single chance to kill them unless they were powerful to the point where he could do nothing to them like the Celestial Sword Saint.

Even towards the Celestial Sword Saint, he harboured bitter resentment. If there was a day where he was more powerful than the former, or if the opportunity ever presented itself, he would attack the Celestial Sword Saint without any hesitation.

“And who was that black-robed man accompanying Jian Chen in the miniature world before? Once the matters here end, I’ll definitely find out about your true identity,” thought the Azure Peng King. He also bore grudges towards Mo Tianyun from being hunted down last time.

The news from the Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance immediately made all the outsiders dismiss the thought of retreating while the rumour that Jian Chen had already left the Desolate Plane vanished. Immediately, the experts on the Desolate Plane began to search for Jian Chen one last time in greater detail.

“Jian Chen has hidden very well. He has used a treasure to disguise his identity and presence. It’s impossible to find him through regular methods. However, no matter how he hides, it’s very difficult for him to disguise his blood...”

“It’s impossible to peer into Jian Chen’s past and future, but even if that’s the case, we’ll just search all the Godkings and Infinite Primes on the Desolate Plane one by one. As long as we find someone that we cannot peer into, we’ll interrogate them immediately...”

“That’s right. We’ll go through them one by one and do one last search. If we fail to find him after the Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance’s connection to Jian Chen vanishes, we’ll give up on it then...”

“Let’s take action personally and personally peer into those who are Godkings or above. We’ll directly check the blood of those below Godkings, just in case he has concealed his strength and mingled among the weaker cultivators. I refuse to believe we can’t find him like this...”

“Let’s do it for the last time then. Who finds Jian Chen and obtains the Anatta Tower in the end will be up to luck...”

The peak experts made up their minds. After all, the Desolate Plane was so vast, and there were so many Godkings. Even with how great their cultivations were, checking every single Godking would be exhausting for them.

This time, they had truly made up their minds.

Chapter 2280: Vital Energy

While the peak experts went to extreme means to find Jian Chen, the cause of all of this, Jian Chen, hid in the cavern underground as he devoted himself to cultivation. He was completely unaware of his surroundings, focusing everything on comprehending the Laws of Curses.

Invisible laws of the world revolved in his surroundings, giving off the power of curses. It was filled with the mysteries of laws as if all the curses in the world were hidden within.

Below him, there was a piece of fortune jade shaped like a grindstone. It shone with dazzling light as it gave off the power of fortune, filling his soul and allowing his mind to become flexible and unpredictable. It resonated with the world to a greater extent, becoming even closer to the laws.

Cultivation was timeless. After who knows how long, a formation engraved in the ground around the fortune jade suddenly lit up. It gave off a wondrous pulse, allowing Jian Chen to gradually rouse from cultivation.

As soon as he stopped cultivating, the power of curses around him immediately vanished. It had completely disappeared.

It was a Rousing Formation, a simple formation cast down by Jian Chen. It could rouse him from cultivation at a certain set time, preventing him from becoming too involved with cultivation and missing out on the opportunity to enter the Tower of Radiance.

Jian Chen slowly opened his eyes. He glanced at the formation he cast down on the ground indifferently and murmured softly, “There are still two months left. I can’t keep comprehending laws.” His Laws of Curses did not reach Godking like his Laws of Strength and his Laws of Space after the few months of comprehension. It remained at mid Overgod.

There was just far too little time. It was impossible for him to comprehend the Laws of Curses from Deity to Godking in one sitting within four short months.

Jian Chen stood up from the fortune jade and sent the senses of his soul into the Anatta Tower.

Qing Yixuan sat on the ground on the ninth floor with her eyes closed as she comprehended the Laws of the Sword. Sharp strands of sword Qi gathered as the power of the Laws of the Sword revolved around her.

Jian Chen did not enter the Anatta Tower. Instead, he checked on Qing Yixuan's situation with the senses of his soul. He silently observed Qing Yixuan who had become unaware of her surroundings and could not help but think about the sudden agitation he experienced when he first began comprehending the laws. Immediately, the light in his eyes flickered with uncertainty.

He was no ordinary person but a powerful Godking who had grasped a portion of the truths of the world, having comprehended multiple laws. More importantly, he was a powerful cultivator who could kill Infinite Primes. He would never experience any feelings for no reason, so he was certain that something bad had happened.

However, he was unable to find the source no matter how hard he searched or thought about it. As a result, he could only bury the matter in his heart.

Now that he saw Qing Yixuan inherit the golden core of laws from the human expert, Jian Chen could not help but connect it to the agitation he experienced before.

For a time, he had no idea whether it was a blessing or a curse for Qing Yixuan to inherit one of the laws from the eight experts.

However, when he thought about how the righteous presence never dispersed from the human expert even after death, he stopped worrying.

He knew that even if there was a scheme involving the golden cores of laws, bearing other intentions, at the very least, the human expert would never do something like that, as it did not match up to his righteous bearing at all.

"At Qing Yixuan's current rate, she'll probably need over two hundred years before she becomes a Godking," Jian Chen observed Qing Yixuan silently. After hesitating slightly, he placed the fortune jade under her.

He could control a portion of the Anatta Tower's power now, basically making him half a master of the Anatta Tower. As a result, he was able to do something like that without disturbing Qing Yixuan at all.

"I hope that she can reach Godking as soon as possible," Jian Chen held anticipation for Qing Yixuan. Just when the senses of his soul were about to recede from the Anatta Tower, Kai Ya suddenly appeared on the ninth floor. As if she knew Jian Chen's senses were present, she said, "Jian Chen, I want to spend some time in the cavern."

Jian Chen already knew that the nine floors within the Anatta Tower were unable to obstruct Kai Ya, so he was not surprised by her sudden appearance at all.

Afterwards, Jian Chen let Kai Ya out of the Anatta Tower with a thought.

As soon as Kai Ya appeared in the cavern, she studied the shackled bodies of the eight experts before looking towards the depths of the cavern, where the strongest king of the Ancient Great Apes, Gusta, was located. She sank into her thoughts.

"Kai Ya, have you discovered something?" Jian Chen asked when he noticed Kai Ya's unusual behaviour.

Kai Ya shook her head. A sliver of bewilderment filled her eyes. She said nothing.

Jian Chen did not keep asking. He said to her, "Then be careful. I'll go retrieve the three portions of vital energy."

Afterwards, Jian Chen left Kai Ya alone and directly flew towards the ancient beasts.

The three portions of vital energy had been promised to him by three of the eight experts. The original forms of the three were all colossal ancient beasts. The method to collect the vital energy had been embedded in Jian Chen's mind as he inherited their legacy.

Before long, Jian Chen arrived before one of the ancient beasts. He stood before its huge head and used a secret technique through the power of laws from the legacy before gently pressing his hand on its head, drawing out the vital energy hidden within the beast's body.

Soon, a fist-sized ball of pure vital energy appeared in Jian Chen's hand. It radiated with powerful energy.

Jian Chen's eyes shone brightly as he looked at the portion of vital energy. There was not a lot of vital energy, but its purity had completely exceeded his imaginations. The terrifying energy within it astonished him.

"What terrifying energy ripples. Just the energy within a single portion is enough to raise the Chaotic Body from the twelfth layer to the thirteenth with some left over," Jian Chen was amazed. He thought about the tremendous amount of resources he had to spend to make the breakthrough to the thirteenth layer, yet now, the vital energy in his hands was more than enough to cover all of it.

"This portion of vital energy is tremendous to me, but it's not even one-ten-thousandth of the ancient beast when it was still alive," Jian Chen thought. When he drew out the portion, the tremendous vital energy within the ancient beast did not decrease at all. It was just that the remaining vital energy had been sealed in by the shackles, preventing him from extracting it.

The portion he extracted had not been sealed up by the shackles because the ancient beast had left it behind when it was still alive.

Afterwards, Jian Chen approached the other two ancient beasts and used various methods to obtain two more portions of vital energy. Every portion was extremely powerful, and the energy contained was so tremendous that it was enough to fulfil his needs to break through from the twelfth layer to the thirteenth layer.

"Unfortunately, my Chaotic Body has already reached the thirteenth layer. I need ten times more energy to break through to the fourteenth layer compared to the thirteenth layer."