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Chapter 2291: Support

With that, two violet-robed guards immediately flew towards Jian Chen emotionlessly.

On the stage, Donglin Yanxue sighed gently. She looked at the guards approaching Jian Chen as she felt helpless from the bottom of her heart.

She was one of the five candidates and possessed a certain level of status in the Radiant Saint Hall, but she was truly unable to help Jian Chen at a time like this.

“Oh no, oh no. Senior brother, what do we do?” Bai Yu was filled with anxiety. She was very worried about what Jian Chen would soon face.

As a disciple of an elder, she knew all the rules of the Radiant Saint Hall extremely well. She was extremely clear on the holiness of this sacred hall. Trespassing without permission was a huge crime, and the punishment would be exceedingly severe.

“Hmph. Chang Yang, you didn’t die outside, but I definitely won’t let you have it easy in the future. However, what are the people in the clan doing? Didn’t they say they sent experts to kill Chang Yang? How is he still alive,” Gongzheng Xin sneered as a cold light flashed through his eyes.

“This disciple called Chang Yang is in great trouble now...”

“He only has a one-colored soulcore, yet he dares to trespass on the sacred hall. That’s infringing on the sacred hall...”

“Not only will he be severely punished, but even the lord of the Soaring Clouds Peak will be involved in the punishment as well...”

“This is a lesson for us. When we go back, we must watch over our disciples in a stricter fashion, just in case disaster strikes unknowingly, and we’re dragged down by our disciples...”

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At the same time, the Radiant Godkings present discussed the matter with one another secretly.

By now, the two violet-robed guards had arrived before Jian Chen. A thick, metal chain had appeared in their hands.

The chain was forged from a special type of metal, and various formations were engraved within it. Once it chained up someone, not only would it seal up their cultivation, but it would also become extremely heavy, making movement virtually impossible.

Only those who had committed serious crimes in the Radiant Saint Hall would have to endure such a punishment.

“Hold on!” Just when the guards were about to chain up Jian Chen, he suddenly called out. He indifferently stared at elder Mu Zhong, who was on the stage, and said clearly, “Elder Mu Zhong, may I ask how you have determined that I am trespassing on the sacred hall and that I must be arrested?”

“You’ve entered the sacred hall without the permission of any elder. That is trespassing, and a great crime,” said elder Mu Zhong.

“In other words, I need the permission of elders to enter the sacred hall, and even the medallion in my possession isn’t enough for me to enter? Or perhaps, the right that this medallion gives me isn’t as great as the permission from the elders,” Jian Chen said clearly. Afterwards, he took out Xuan Zhan’s medallion with a flip of his hand and held it high above his head.

When elder Mu Zhong saw the medallion that symbolised a vice-leader, he immediately shuddered. Suddenly, his eyes narrowed. Surprise filled his face.

“That’s a vice-leader’s medallion...”

“It’s vice-leader Xuan Zhan...”

“How is that possible? How does he possess vice-leader Xuan Zhan’s medallion? What is his relationship with vice-leader Xuan Zhan...”

“He’s a Radiant Saint Master with a one-colored soulcore and a nameless one at that. How does he have vice-leader Xuan Zhan’s medallion...”

Not only did elder Mu Zhong become surprised the moment he saw the medallion in Jian Chen’s hand, but even the expressions of the other elders changed. They all revealed looks of disbelief.

As for the Radiant Godkings below the stage, all their discussions stopped. Their gazes gathered on Jian Chen’s hand, on the medallion that represented a vice-leader. Their faces changed in an assortment of ways.

A bizarre light filled Donglin Yanxue’s eyes. She stared at the medallion in Jian Chen’s hand as she became dumbfounded. Her gaze contained some doubt and confusion.

The moment she saw the medallion, many questions crossed her mind. Since Chang Yang had a vice-leader’s medallion, he obviously had close ties to a vice-leader. He could directly ask the vice-leader in question if he wanted to enter the Tower of Radiance.

Although the conditions for entering the Tower of Radiance were extremely strict, a vice-leader could make an exception for any disciple with their authority. It would only be a matter of a few words. So, why did Chang Yang offer her a precious puresoul and go to such great lengths to become her ninth retainer just to enter the Tower of Radiance?

Suddenly, Donglin Yanxue discovered that she did not seem to understand Chang Yang’s intentions at all.

“Yanxue, don’t you understand? Chang Yang wants to become your ninth retainer because he wants to get close to you.” Donglin Yanxue’s master, Mu Shui, seemed to be able to see through everything. She secretly told Donglin Yanxue this.

Donglin Yanxue thought through every detail of when she got to know Chang Yang. She missed nothing at all. In the end, she shook her head and replied, “No. Master, Chang Yang shouldn’t be someone like that.”

"I won't say anything more about whether it's true or not. You're clever, so you have your own judgement to make." Mu Shui said, "However, since Chang Yang bears the medallion of vice-leader Xuan Zhan, it means he has the support of vice-leader Xuan Zhan. With that being the case, his status is no less than yours in the Radiant Saint Hall. It might even surpass yours."

"Xuan Zhan is the strongest out of the eight vice-leaders. The other vice-leaders all have to show some respect towards vice-leader Xuan Zhan. As a result, if Chang Yang has vice-leader Xuan Zhan's support, no one will be bold enough to provoke him in the Radiant Saint Hall."

Mu Shui explained to Donglin Yanxue. She was trying to stimulate Donglin Yanxue's thoughts.

Donglin Yanxue remained silent. She looked at Jian Chen in the crowd with mixed feelings. At that moment, she could not help but begin doubting Jian Chen's true intentions. Was it really like what her master said, and he did it to get close to her?

After all, she was the female prodigy of the Radiant Saint Hall. There were countless people who pursued her, and she had already grown accustomed to such things. However, was Chang Yang one of them as well?

Gongzhang Xin's expression immediately became extremely ugly, while Bai Yu's face was filled with surprise and excitement.

Elder Mu Zhong glanced at Jian Chen deeply from the stage. With his strength, he could naturally tell that Jian Chen's medallion was the real deal. Meanwhile, the two violet-robed guards backed off obediently after Jian Chen revealed the vice-leader's medallion.

This was because even elders had no right to judge and punish people who possessed a vice-leader's medallion. Elder Mu Zhong's order was naturally useless now.

"Since you possess a vice-leader's medallion, you obviously have the right to enter the sacred hall," elder Mu Zhong said to Jian Chen. Then he looked around and continued, "Let's continue to focus on the matter of the last protector." After a slight pause, he said, "After careful consideration, I have decided that the final protector will be the lord of the Broken Blade..." Elder Mu Zhong came to a halt half-way through his announcement of the final protector.

Afterwards, respect that he rarely showed appeared on his face, and his old eyes were filled with extreme surprise.

But very soon, elder Mu Zhong recovered. He glanced at Jian Chen deeply once again and sucked in a deep breath. He announced, "I hereby announce that the ninth protector for Donglin Yanxue will be the disciple of the Soaring Clouds Peak, Chang Yang."

Chapter 2292: World of Moon and Star

"What? The last protector will actually be a Radiant Saint Master with a measly one-colored soulcore..."

"How can that be possible? Chang Yang only has a one-colored soulcore. How can he bear such a great burden with his puny cultivation..."

"Unbelievable. A disciple with a one-colored soulcore will actually become the protector of a candidate with a four-colored soulcore. Who is going to be protecting who..."

“This is unprecedented. This is truly unprecedented. Protectors and retainers have always been Radiant Godkings throughout history. This is the first time someone with a one-colored soulcore has been chosen to bear this burden...”

Elder Mu Zhong’s announcement immediately caused an uproar among the Radiant Godkings present. The outcome left them all stunned.

“The vice-leader must have intervened. It looks like Chang Yang’s relationship with the vice-leader is nowhere near as simple as it seems...”

“There’s nothing we can do. Who let Chang Yang be supported by a vice-leader, and vice-leader Xuan Zhan out of them...”

“Although the retainers of Chosen Saints throughout history have all been Radiant Godkings, there has never been a clear rule that only Radiant Godkings can become the Chosen Saint’s retainer or the candidate’s protector. As a result, no rules have been broken by choosing a weaker disciple as a protector...”

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The Radiant Godkings communicated with one another secretly, engaging in an intense discussion. Currently, the huge square was silent, where even a dropped pin could be heard. However, the Radiant Godkings present were basically making a ruckus secretly. Their gazes towards Jian Chen were extremely mixed, containing jealousy and envy.

The authoritative elders on the stage fell silent as well. They looked at Jian Chen with extremely mixed feelings. Naturally, they realised that elder Mu Zhong changing his decision towards the end was due to orders from above.

Even though all of them disliked this outcome, including elder Mu Zhong, none of them dared to object. They did not dare to show even a hint of displeasure.

This was because they all understood that elder Mu Zhong likely received the order from vice-leader Xuan Zhan. Let alone the elders, but even the seven other vice-leaders had to show some respect towards vice-leader Xuan Zhan’s decisions.

“Vice-leader Xuan Zhan treats Jian Chen with far greater importance than I imagined. Yanxue, this is an opportunity for you. If you’re able to establish a connection with vice-leader Xuan Zhan through Chang Yang, you will receive immeasurable benefits in the future,” Mu Shui told Donglin Yanxue secretly. She no longer dared to underestimate Chang Yang.

Donglin Yanxue stood on the stage as she looked at Chang Yang standing among the crowd. She experienced mixed feelings as she remained silent.

“How did this happen...” To another side of the crowd, Gongzheng Xin became completely dumbstruck

This result also left Bai Yu dumbfounded. Her mouth hung open as disbelief covered her face.

“I hereby announce that the competition for Chosen Saint formally begins. Candidates and protectors, enter the stage immediately,” at this moment, elder Mu Zhong’s voice rang out once again.

With that, the four other candidates and the several dozen protectors immediately flew onto the stage.

“Junior sister, I’ll be leaving first,” Jian Chen said to Bai Yu before using Radiant Saint Force to make his way onto the stage under the envious gazes of all the Radiant Godkings.

Very soon, over forty protectors stood in five groups behind their respective candidates.

However, perhaps coincidentally, their gazes would always sweep past Jian Chen.

Aside from the five candidates, everyone else on the stage was either a Radiant Godking or an elder. Jian Chen truly stood out by standing there with his measly one-colored soulcore.

Elder Mu Zhong stared at everyone with shining eyes and said, “Next, all of you will be sent into a miniature world. There are various vicious beasts in the miniature world. The strongest of them are only mid Godkings. Your mission as protectors is to keep your candidate safe in there.”

Afterwards, elder Mu Zhong looked at the five candidates and said, “As for your mission as candidates, you must find Radiant Origin Pearls in the miniature world. Radiant Origin Pearls are extremely special, a natural occurrence from the Tower of Radiance. As a result, they cannot be found with the senses of the soul. Only those with great talent and great affinity for Radiant Saint Force can sense them within a certain distance.”

“This round is extremely important to you all. The two who find the most Radiant Origin Pearls will face each other in battle. The remaining three will be eliminated...”

“Remember, this round is limited to a year. During this time, the five of you are forbidden from engaging in life-threatening battles, or your status as candidate will be revoked...” Elder Mu Zhong became solemn towards the end.

Afterwards, elder Mu Zhong took out an ancient seal. As soon as the ancient seal appeared, it radiated with a powerful pulse of energy and the power of space. It interfered with the operation of space in the region.

Elder Mu Zhong waved the ancient seal towards the sky. Immediately, the space above the stage pulsed violently. A huge spatial gate gradually opened.

“This miniature world is called the World of Moon and Star. In order to prevent the appearance of vicious beasts that are too powerful, elder He Tian will be going along with you...”

“Now, all competitors enter the World of Moon and Star immediately...”

With that, the five candidates and the forty-five protectors mobilized their Radiant Saint Force. The protectors rose up behind their candidate and charged towards the spatial gate.

When Jian Chen stepped into the World of Moon and Star, he discovered that everyone who had entered with him now stood on a mountain.

The mountain seemed to have been severed by someone, so it had a small, flat top.

Jian Chen closed his eyes and clearly sensed that the laws of the world here were incomplete. Compared to the Saints’ World, this entire world was at a much lower level.

“The space here is just too fragile. If I use my full strength, I can easily rip through it. Infinite Prime is the probably limit of what the World of Moon and Star can endure. If Chaotic Primes set foot here, they can easily collapse this place,” Jian Chen sensed the situation of this miniature world quietly.

Chapter 2293: Invincible Godking (One)

“Welcome to the World of Moon and Star. The World of Moon and Star is a medium-sized miniature world containing incomplete yin and yang and the five elements. It is called the World of Moon and Star because there’s only a single star and moon in this world. There is no sun...”

An old voice rang out from in front of them just as everyone was studying the World of Moon and Star curiously.

A bald old man sat before everyone. His appearance was nothing special, but he was extremely skinny. Even though he wore a set of large white robes, people were still able to see his stick-like figure.

“Greetings to elder He Tian!”

Donglin Yanxue, Gongzhang Xin, Xin Bin, An Da, and Shi De all became polite and bowed towards the old man.

Many of the Radiant Godkings present knew nothing about the old man’s identity. On the other hand, as the five candidates had the right to enter the sacred hall and come in contact with the elders very often, they knew many of them.

The protectors behind the candidates all bowed to show their respect after learning of the old man’s identity.

Elder He Tian waved his hand and said, “Don’t, don’t. Don’t use these etiquettes with me. I’ll tell you the situation of the World of Moon and Star in detail now.

Elder He Tian continued, “Even though the World of Moon and Star is a medium-sized world, it is extremely vast. Even with the senses of my soul, I can only envelope a tenth of the World of Moon and Star.”

“A few vicious beasts live in the World of Moon and Star. Due to the special environment here, the vicious beasts have very limited intelligence. Many of them have great strength but have yet to become self-conscious. They completely act based on instincts...”

“Before you came here, the elders have already screened through the vicious beasts in the World of Moon and Star. They’ve killed off all the Primordial realm beasts, so the remaining vicious beasts here are late Godkings at most...”

“All of you candidates will take a medallion. When you face life-threatening danger, immediately activate the medallion. No matter how far away you are, I will be able to sense the location of the medallion immediately. Then I can come save you. However, once the medallion is activated, it will mean your elimination from the competition for Chosen Saint...”

“Alright, I’ve said everything. You can set off by yourselves now. Obtaining more Radiant Origin Pearls than the others will be up to your own luck. The gateway will open once again in a year’s time, and at that time, you just need to gather here...”

Elder He Tian sat on the ground without moving at all. He solemnly passed on this information before waving his hand and dispersing everyone.

Afterwards, the five candidates left the mountain with their protectors. They did not travel together. Instead, they each chose a different direction to head off into.

Even though there were many Godking level vicious beasts in the World of Moon and Star, the candidates showed no fear at all.

This was because most of their protectors were Radiant Godkings, and their battle prowess was extremely great. They were Hallowed Saint Masters known to be invincible among those of the same cultivation level. With so many Hallowed Saint Masters, they were confident about putting up a fight against even peak Godking beasts.

“Chang Yang, you’re the weakest here. Remember, you can’t run around recklessly. None of the vicious beasts here are something that you can handle,” at this moment, Donglin Yanxue suddenly turned her head and said to Jian Chen. She looked at Jian Chen’s face, which seemed ordinary due to his disguise, with her dark, beautiful eyes. Her gaze contained undetectable mixed feelings.

Ever since she met Jian Chen for the first time beside the Moon’s Reflection Lake, she had felt that Jian Chen was always at ease and filled with confidence. He was mature and composed, the type who would not panic even if the sky collapsed. His bearing differed greatly from those so-called prodigies she saw from day to day.

Moreover, whenever she saw Jian Chen, his gaze towards her would always remain tranquil. There were no emotions at all, completely different from the Radiant Saint Masters who pursued her. As a result, Donglin Yanxue had become certain that Jian Chen had approached her and even offered her a precious puresoul for the simple purpose of entering the Tower of Radiance.

After all, the Tower of Radiance was a holy land that all Radiant Saint Masters strived to enter. As a Radiant Saint Master, it only made sense for Jian Chen to want to enter the Tower of Radiance.

However, ever since Jian Chen took out vice-leader Xuan Zhan’s medallion, Donglin Yanxue’s doubts towards Jian Chen purposefully trying to get close to her sprang up again.

Coupled with her master’s explanation, Donglin Yanxue basically believed it firmly now.

Entering the Tower of Radiance with the vice-leader’s medallion was nothing difficult at all, so why did Jian Chen offer her a puresoul and go to such lengths to become her protector?

After all, she was only one of the five candidates. Even Donglin Yanxue was not completely confident about successfully becoming the Chosen Saint in the end.

Despite knowing this, Jian Chen still took such action. It became quite obvious to clever people that his actions were just to close his relationship with Donglin Yanxue.

Jian Chen rubbed his nose when he heard Donglin Yanxue’s words. He was left speechless. He had never thought that someone only equivalent to a Deity would try to protect him.

However, Donglin Yanxue did not look at Jian Chen for very long. She shifted her gaze rather indifferently. After becoming certain that Jian Chen was just trying to get close to her, her heart became rather cold. Her distance from Jian Chen increased.

She found this to be very repulsive, and the upright image that Jian Chen had left in her heart through his various unconventional actions collapsed at that moment. As a result, she treated Jian Chen no differently from the other people who pursued her.

“Haha, junior Chang Yang, I, Yue Fan, am a little older than you, so I’ll just call you junior. You only need to follow behind junior Yanxue in the World of Moon and Star. You don’t need to worry about anything else. Leave it up to us...” said a protector beside Donglin Yanxue.

He was a middle-aged man and a mid Godking. Jian Chen knew a few things about his identity. He was the lord of the Cloud Mist Peak, Yue Fan.

His cultivation was even greater than Han Xin and Zhou Yuan’s.

“Haha, that’s right. Leave all the vicious beasts we come across to us. Junior Chang Yang, you only need to take good care of junior Yanxue...”

Added a few more protectors afterwards. They all smiled and treated Jian Chen politely or even respectfully.

Even though Jian Chen was the weakest of them all in terms of cultivation and needed the protection of others despite being a protector himself, none of the eight protectors dared to offend him seeing how vice-leader Xuan Zhan had supported him. They even tried their best to get close to Jian Chen.

They all knew that it must have been vice-leader Xuan Zhan’s secret arrangement for Jian Chen to become a protector, or it would have been impossible for him to make it past the obstacle of elder Mu Zhong.

The peak lords who thought they were experienced and insightful naturally knew the reason.

Jian Chen and the protectors exchanged a few pleasantries casually. Afterwards, he looked at Donglin Yanxue and said, “Can you sense where the Radiant Origin Pearls are?” Jian Chen asked because he could already vaguely sense a pulse that was extremely similar to Radiant Saint Force in a certain location up ahead.

The pulse was extremely obscure and wondrous. He could sense the pulse, but it was not because of how great his senses were. Instead, it was a result of the Laws of the Hallowed he comprehended resonating with the pulse slightly.

Donglin Yanxue looked ahead coldly and said, “You can’t even sense these Radiant Origin Pearls with the senses of your soul, so how can it be that easy to sense where they are?”

Chapter 2294: Invincible Godking (Two)

“It looks like Donglin Yanxue has not sensed this pulse that’s extremely similar to Radiant Saint Force. However, I can’t be too certain that this pulse is a Radiant Origin Pearl,” Jian Chen thought. He had already learnt from elder Mu Zhong that the Radiant Origin Pearl was something from the Tower of

Radiance. It was extremely special and could not be discovered with the senses of the soul. Only those with great talent and affinity for Radiant Saint Force could sense their existence.

These people with great talent and affinity for Radiant Saint Force basically referred to the geniuses who were assigned stars.

Nine star geniuses were the greatest talents in the Radiant Saint Hall. They were the ones taking part in the competition for Chosen Saint this time.

“If this pulse really does come from the Radiant Origin Pearl, doesn’t that mean my talent is greater than Donglin Yanxue’s?” Jian Chen thought. He stared right ahead. The pulse he sensed came from a hundred kilometres away.

At this moment, their group was basically travelling in a straight line, directly towards the pulse’s location.

They hovered around twenty metres above the ground as they travelled. Even though everyone had slowed down for Jian Chen’s sake, a hundred kilometres was still nothing.

Very soon, their group arrived within a range of twenty kilometres from the pulse’s source. At this moment, Jian Chen began to take note of Donglin Yanxue’s reactions secretly, but he discovered no changes. She had not discovered the pulse.

When they were three kilometres from the pulse, the group’s direction shifted slightly, and they gradually drew further and further away from the pulse’s location.

Jian Chen stopped without any hesitation and said, “Wandering around aimlessly like this isn’t a good idea. Let’s take a break and discuss our plans first.” With that, Jian Chen dispersed the Radiant Saint Force around him and descended to the ground without anyone’s consent.

The eight protectors behind Donglin Yanxue immediately became troubled. They glanced at Jian Chen then back at Donglin Yanxue as they began to hesitate. They did not know whether they should continue onwards behind Donglin Yanxue or stop like Jian Chen.

The eight of them understood that although they were the protectors of the candidate, they obviously had to protect Jian Chen since vice-leader Xuan Zhan was bold enough to allow him into the World of Moon and Star with a one-colored soulcore.

In the World of Moon and Star, there were many vicious beasts, with many at the level of Godkings. They truly did not dare to leave Jian Chen alone. If an accident occurred, and the vice-leader came looking for the people responsible, it would not be a burden that they could bear.

However, Donglin Yanxue frowned slightly. She looked at Jian Chen with quite some displeasure and said, “The Radiant Origin Pearls are extremely difficult to find. All searching methods are useless. Finding the pearls is completely up to luck, so do you really think these useless plans can help to find Radiant Origin Pearls?”

“It’s better than running around aimlessly,” Jian Chen said casually. He glanced around and discovered a ten-meter-tall boulder three kilometers above the pulse’s origins.

Jian Chen's eyes lit up. He said, "There's a rock there. Let me sit down first and come up with a plan so that we can collect some Radiant Origin Pearls." After saying that, Jian Chen directly flew towards the rock in the distance.

Donglin Yanxue could not help but become greatly displeased when she saw Jian Chen ignore the bigger picture and continue to act as he wished in the World of Moon and Star. Ever since her impression of Jian Chen shattered, she had started to view him in a completely different light. Jian Chen's actions right now repulsed Donglin Yanxue very much.

From Donglin Yanxue's perspective, Jian Chen's current actions were basically a waste of her precious time.

After all, they only had one year to find the Radiant Origin Pearls. Every second was extremely precious.

Jian Chen had already arrived before the rock now. He sat on it leisurely. The pulse he had sensed earlier came from below the rock.

At such proximity, Jian Chen could sense with even greater clarity that the object producing the pulse was a milky-white pearl hidden beneath the soil.

"That should be the Radiant Saint Pearl," Jian Chen had basically confirmed that this was the pearl they were looking for.

At this moment, Donglin Yanxue flew over with the eight protectors, feeling displeased and impatient.

Jian Chen sat on the rock and silently sensed Donglin Yanxue's distance from the pearl. He wanted to learn how close she needed to be before she could sense the existence of the Radiant Saint Pearl.

Finally, when Donglin Yanxue was a kilometre away from him, her expression changed. In the next moment, surprise and joy flooded her eyes. She turned into a white streak of light and hurried towards the rock that Jian Chen sat on as quickly as she could. She called out to Jian Chen, "Chang Yang, move!"

"What?" As if he had been caught off-guard, Jian Chen stared at Donglin Yanxue blankly in bewilderment.

"I told you to move. I want to shatter that rock. If you still don't move, don't blame me for hurting you," Donglin Yanxue called out. The Laws of the Hallowed had already condensed around her. She created a Radiant Palm, sending it towards the rock.

Seeing this, Jian Chen's expression finally 'changed'. Without any hesitation, he directly leapt off the rock.

Although it was impossible for Donglin Yanxue to harm him, he had to play the role of a Radiant Saint Master with a one-colored soulcore.

Bang!

Just when Jian Chen separated from the rock, the boulder loudly shattered from Donglin Yanxue's strike. It was reduced to flying rubble.

A resplendent white light shone out from beneath the boulder. A thumb-sized, white pearl lay there quietly.

“A Radiant Origin Pearl!” Donglin Yanxue cried out. She took a step forward and picked up the pearl in joy.

“So that’s a Radiant Origin Pearl...”

“It can only be seen with the naked eye, and it’s impossible to detect it with the senses of the soul. The Radiant Origin Pearl is truly wondrous...”

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At this moment, the eight protectors had also arrived. They all studied the Radiant Saint Pearl with curiosity as they clicked their tongues in admiration.

Suddenly, Donglin Yanxue looked at Jian Chen with suspicion and said, “Chang Yang, I sensed something from almost a kilometre away, while you were only ten meters away from the Radiant Origin Pearl. Didn’t you sense its existence from such a close distance?”

“Don’t forget that you’re a nine star genius, while I’m only a one star genius,” Jian Chen said helplessly. He did not want to expose his talent so soon.

“You can’t blame junior Chang Yang for this. The Radiant Origin Pearl is just too hard to sense. Even with my seven-colored soulcore, I could only sense it vaguely from around a hundred metres away...” A protector said after Jian Chen finished talking.

“Sigh. With my talent as a three star genius and my seven-colored soulcore, I could only vaguely sense its existence from ten meters away. It only makes sense for junior Chang Yang to fail to discover the Radiant Origin Pearl...” Another protector added shamefully, dispersing the doubts Donglin Yanxue had towards Jian Chen perfectly.

Donglin Yanxue’s doubts mostly subsided after she heard the two protectors’ words. She stowed the Radiant Origin Pearl away and said to Jian Chen, “Chang Yang, what good plans do you have? Hurry up and tell me; don’t waste too much time.”

Chapter 2295: Invincible Godking (Three)

Jian Chen had obviously detected the change in Donglin Yanxue’s treatment of him, but he did not care about it. From his perspective, it was enough as long as Donglin Yanxue could become the Chosen Saint, which would give him the right to enter the Tower of Radiance.

Jian Chen did not know that vice-leader Xuan Zhan had the authority to let any Radiant Saint Master into the Tower of Radiance. However, even if he knew, he would not have been willing to approach the vice-leader directly.

Currently, Jian Chen’s identity was extremely sensitive, so he was unwilling to get too involved with the vice-leader. Otherwise, he would definitely cause a lot of problems for the vice-leader once his Martial Soul Force was exposed.

"I believe all the places where powerful vicious beasts roam around have Radiant Origin Pearls. We cannot detect the Radiant Origin Pearls with the senses of the soul, but we can detect these vicious beasts. As a result, we only need to find these vicious beasts," suggested Jian Chen.

The Radiant Origin Pearls came from the Tower of Radiance. They appeared in the World of Moon and Star because the elders had brought them in. Since searching for the pearls was a test set by the elders, there would definitely be a certain level of difficulty. It would not be as simple as leaving it up to luck.

Donglin Yanxue immediately frowned when she heard that. Some powerful beasts in the World of Moon and Star were as powerful as Godkings. If they truly went and provoked these vicious beasts, let alone Jian Chen struggling to keep himself safe with his measly one-colored soulcore, but even she with her four-colored soulcore would be reduced to an ant-like existence.

They could not even endure the shockwaves of battles against vicious beasts of such a level.

"Junior Chang Yang is right. There are probably Radiant Origin Pearls within the territories of powerful vicious beasts. Junior Yanxue, why don't we search for these vicious beasts...."

"Don't worry, junior Yanxue. There are eight Radiant Godkings here. Dealing with those vicious beasts with lacking intellect will be a piece of cake..."

"Yeah. Even if we come across peak Godking vicious beasts, two or three of us will be enough to kill them easily. They're nothing to worry about..."

"Radiant Origin Pearls are hard to find, but the vicious beasts are just too easy..."

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Meanwhile, the eight protectors showed no fear. They all spoke up with confidence.

The eight of them were all Hallowed Saint Masters. As soon as they used their Laws of the Hallowed, their battle prowess would be even greater than fighters of the same level. As a result, they did not take the vicious beasts in the World of Moon and Star seriously at all.

"Alright then. Let's go find those vicious beasts," Donglin Yanxue hesitated, but she was persuaded in the end. She agreed to the suggestion.

Afterwards, the eight protectors became the ones leading the way. The senses of their Godking level souls spread out in all directions as they began to search for the vicious beasts in the surroundings.

At the same time, to another side of the World of Moon and Star, the group led by Gongzheng Xin had stopped on some plains. Five of the nine protectors stood guard in the distance as Gongzheng Xin gathered with the four other protectors.

Gongzheng Xin frowned heavily. Currently, his face was sunken. Ever since he entered the World of Moon and Star, his sunken face had never eased up.

"You're either the people closest to our Gongzheng clan, or you have submitted to our Gongzheng clan. Help me think of a way for Chang Yang to die in the World of Moon and Star," Gongzheng Xin said with a darkened expression. Aside from the five other people, all of his protectors belonged to his Gongzheng clan, so he placed great trust in the four of them.

The four protectors around Gongzheng Xin frowned and became troubled.

“If it were before, even if the Radiant Saint Hall discovered that we killed Chang Yang, it would be nothing. With our status, the Disciplinary Hall won’t be able to do anything to us. They’ll just give us a symbolic punishment. But now, who knows how Chang Yang is connected to vice-leader Xuan Zhan. His status is different. Killing him will lead to consequences far too severe. If vice-leader Xuan Zhan looks into this matter personally, probably even young master Xin will be implicated...”

“Yeah. Vice-leader Xuan Zhan isn’t as easy to deal with as the seven other vice-leaders, and he’s also the last person in the Radiant Saint Hall you’d want to provoke apart from the leader. Young master Xin, you must not let your emotions control you...”

“Young master Xin, you have to calm down. Chang Yang has the support of vice-leader Xuan Zhan, so you can’t provoke him no matter what. You know exactly who vice-leader Xuan Zhan is. He’s an expert that even the ancestor of our Gongzheng clan has to treat with courtesy. If vice-leader Xuan Zhan decides to punish you, do you think the ancestor will personally show himself and protect you despite running the risk of offending vice-leader Xuan Zhan?”

“Young master Xin, you must not be reckless. Even if we ignore the potentially severe consequences and send all nine of us against Chang Yang, it’s not possible for us to kill him because the eight protectors around Donglin Yanxue will definitely treat Chang Yang’s safety with even greater importance than Donglin Yanxue herself. They’ll throw their lives on the line to keep him safe. Moreover, who knows whether young master Xin’s five other protectors will listen to the young master and attack Chang Yang. That’s an uncertain factor too...”

The four protectors around Gongzheng Xin tried to persuade him to give up on the thought of killing Chang Yang here.

Gongzheng Xin only had a four-colored soulcore. With his cultivation level, he was basically dreaming if he wanted to kill Chang Yang who eight protectors guarded. He would need his protectors to take action in the end, but if they really attacked Jian Chen, disaster would be waiting for them after they left the World of Moon and Star.

In their eyes, killing Chang Yang was basically digging their own graves. Moreover, they did not have any particularly great grievances with Chang Yang. They were naturally unwilling to die a pointless death for Gongzheng Xin.

Gongzheng Xin’s face became uglier and uglier. With the cultivations of the Radiant Godkings, there was no need for them to clash with the protectors around Donglin Yanxue at all to kill Chang Yang. They only needed to approach him amiably then deal a killing strike, easily claiming Chang Yang’s life. They all declined because they were afraid of offending vice-leader Xuan Zhan.

“Young master Xin, the priority is the position of Chosen Saint. Let’s quickly search for the Radiant Origin Pearls instead. Three people will be directly eliminated in the first round of the trials. Young master Xin cannot be eliminated here...” A Radiant Godking changed the topic to redirect Gongzheng Xin’s attention.

“Yeah. Young master Xin, searching for Radiant Origin Pearls is the priority right now. There are definitely Radiant Origin Pearls where the powerful vicious beasts prowl in the World of Moon and Star.

The young master needs to take action quickly, or the four others will take the lead..." another protector added.

"If that's the case, let's set off immediately then. Let's find the Radiant Origin Pearls first." Gongzheng Xin also knew it was impossible to get these people to kill Jian Chen. He stood up with a sunken face and gathered his protectors before leaving the place.

At the same time, the groups led by Xin Bin, An Da, and Shi De all directed their attention towards the powerful vicious beasts in the World of Moon and Star in their respective areas. Clearly, Jian Chen was not the only one who had thought of this.

Chapter 2296: Invincible Godking (Four)

Sitting on the mountain at the entrance to the World of Moon and Star, elder He Tian slowly opened his eyes. He looked towards the locations of the five candidates as he could not help but smile mysteriously. He muttered to himself, "They've finally thought about dealing with those vicious beasts. That's right. There are indeed Radiant Origin Pearls where the powerful vicious beasts roam, except those vicious beasts aren't as simple as you have imagined. They're not going to be that easy to deal with. It's time for you to suffer a little now."

When his thoughts reached here, elder He Tian's eyes suddenly narrowed. He abruptly stood up and stared into the distance. He became stern as he said, "What powerful ripples of space. Someone has opened the gateway to the World of Moon and Star. Who is it?"

Before he even finished speaking, elder He Tian had turned into a streak of silver-white lightning as he shot off into the distance as quickly as he could.

A hundred kilometres away, space distorted heavily. Countless cracks intersected as powerful pulses in space radiated outwards.

This lasted for just a few seconds before the space suddenly shattered like a mirror, forming a pitch-black spatial tunnel.

A figure shone with resplendent light inside the tunnel. He strode over firmly, entering the World of Moon and Star through the spatial tunnel.

After the figure emerged, the spatial tunnel behind him vanished, and the shattered space also began to repair itself. Soon, it returned to its previous state.

At this moment, the resplendent light around the figure gradually vanished, revealing his appearance.

He was a young man who seemed to be in his twenties. Dressed in azure robes, his eyes shone like the moon and the stars. His firm, handsome face possessed a weathered sense that one could only possess after going through many trials, including baptisms of blood.

The young man hovered in the air with his hands behind his back. He looked around with his shining eyes, studying his surroundings. He muttered to himself, "There's a single star and moon in the sky. It looks like I'm in the right place. This is the World of Moon and Star, the place where the Radiant Saint Hall has chosen to hold a trial for selecting their Chosen Saint."

As he spoke, he glanced to one side casually, and his lips gradually curled into a cold smile, "I never thought an elder would be here as well. The Radiant Saint Hall has truly prepared a huge gift for me."

With that, a white streak of light shot over like a bolt of lightning. It arrived in a single instance and revealed elder He Tian.

Elder He Tian's presence surged as Laws of the Hallowed revolved around him. He arrived while emitting massive pressure, but his face changed drastically the moment he saw the young man's appearance. He cried out, "Qing Shan, it's you!"

The young man smiled. Coupled with his handsome face, it was extremely enchanting and very warm, enough to steal the hearts of countless young women in the world.

However, elder He Tian did not feel warm at all. Instead, his heart turned cold. As if he were facing a great opponent, his face had become extremely stern.

"I never thought you would know me. It looks like my name is very renowned in the Radiant Saint Hall," smiled the young man.

"Qing Shan, how did you get here? And why have you come?" elder He Tian called out solemnly. Even though he had already condensed a soultree and was an elder of the Radiant Saint Hall, possessing a cultivation equivalent to the Primordial realm, he did not dare to become careless at all when he faced this young man who was only a Godking.

Qing Shan's name had already spread through the Saints' World long ago. Many people knew about him. He could suppress all the Godkings in the Saints' World and hold the position of first on the Godkings' Throne firmly. There were even many rumors that he had fought experts at the Primordial realm.

These colorful rumors made the many Godkings and some Primordial realm experts come to believe that Qing Shan was an invincible Godking since quite some time ago. He was publicly acknowledged to be the most powerful Godking.

However, Qing Shan's name hung high up on the Radiant Saint Hall's bounty list. All the elders knew his name, and they all resented him deeply. They treated him as the greatest problem in the way of the Radiant Saint Hall's future.

This was because an elder of the Radiant Saint Hall had died to Qing Shan's hands before.

However, when elder He Tian personally faced Qing Shan, he immediately thought of the various rumors, and his heart began to shiver.

"Is there a need for me to tell you how I entered the World of Moon and Star? However, I can tell you why I've come." Qing Shan looked at elder He Tian, and his smile gradually turned cold as he said, "I've come naturally for the five candidates. I will make the Radiant Saint Hall go without a Chosen Saint this time."

"Qing Shan, don't you dare!" Elder He Tian's face changed drastically when he heard that.

“I, Qing Shan, am even bold enough to kill an elder of your Radiant Saint Hall. Why won’t I dare to kill a few candidates? However, one more elder will be dying at my hands today,” Qing Shan sneered. With that, he directly struck out, sending a palm strike towards elder He Tian.

Qing Shan’s hand carried a mysterious power. It was able to affect the souls of his target through invisible means. Immediately, elder He Tian’s soul became unstable and jittery when he faced Qing Shan’s attack. His vision also blurred slightly as waves of dizziness began to overwhelm him.

“Martial Soul Force!” elder He Tian cried out. He bit the tip of his tongue to forcefully gather his concentration using the pain. Laws of the Hallowed gathered around him as he engaged in an intense battle against Qing Shan.

Elder He Tian was only equivalent to a First Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, so he did not dare to show any carelessness before Qing Shan. He used his full strength right from the start, without holding back anything at all.

However, as soon as he clashed with Qing Shan, elder He Tian’s heart sank. The Martial Soul Force in Qing Shan’s hand was already enough to affect his soul to a certain degree when he struck out. However, when they truly clashed, the influence from the Martial Soul Force became even greater.

He felt like someone had used a huge hammer to strike his soul heavily.

Although elder He Tian could block Qing Shan’s attacks, he could do nothing about the impact from the Martial Soul Force. He was forced to endure it.

Moreover, this impact would not just occur once or twice. He would have to endure it every time he clashed with Qing Shan.

If they continued to fight, his soul would eventually reach a point where it could not last any longer even if his strength greatly exceeded Qing Shan’s.

“Martial Soul Force is indeed profound. I can’t defend against it at all. I need to finish this battle fast, or I’ll definitely be defeated,” thought elder He Tian. He struggled to imagine just how severe the consequences would be if he were defeated.

He was afraid that it would truly turn out as Qing Shan had said, where the current generation would be left in an awkward state with no Chosen Saint.

Chapter 2297: Assistance from the World

As elder He Tian engaged in an intense battle against Qing Shan, the group of ten led by Donglin Yanxue finally found a powerful vicious beast two million kilometres away. Naturally, an intense battle erupted.

Among Donglin Yanxue’s eight protectors, one of them currently faced a bull-like vicious beast that stood over thirty meters tall in a battle of life or death.

The bull-like vicious beast was extremely large. It was like a hill as it stood there, making the Hallowed Saint Master who fought against it seem as insignificant as an ant.

However, even though they differed greatly in size, they were evenly matched in their battle. The Laws of the Hallowed clashed with the brutal strength of the beast, erupting with deafening booms. Powerful

energy wreaked havoc in the surroundings, stirring up the origin energy in the area while kicking up dust and creating great cracks in the ground.

This was a battle between Godkings. The shockwaves spread for several tens of thousand kilometres. Without the corresponding strength, it was impossible for one to get close to the battle.

A hundred kilometres away, Donglin Yanxue stood beside Jian Chen. She stared at the intense battle up ahead as the seven other protectors all stood around Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue to protect them. The two at the very front worked together to maintain an energy barrier, blocking the shockwaves from the battle up ahead.

If it were not for the barrier, it would have been impossible for Donglin Yanxue to stand so close with her cultivation that was only equivalent to a Deity. She would have been pushed far away by the shockwaves from the battle between man and beast.

At this moment, all of them paid close attention to the battle. They all frowned, and the faces of the seven other protectors became rather ugly.

“How can this vicious beast be so powerful? It’s clearly just an early Godking, yet it can hold its ground against Chen Feng who has a mid seven-colored soulcore. Cheng Feng’s a Hallowed Saint Master after all...”

“Hallowed Saint Masters are much more powerful than fighters of the same cultivation level in the Saints’ World. With Chen Feng’s cultivation that is equivalent to a mid Godking, he can defeat mid Godking fighters easily, yet he has remained matched for so long against a vicious beast that is only an early Godking. This...”

“How are the vicious beasts of the World of Moon and Star so powerful...”

...

The seven protectors who guarded Donglin Yanxue and Jian Chen discussed the matter sternly. The scene before them had upheaved their understandings completely.

A strange light flickered in the eyes of Jian Chen. He stared at the colossal vicious beast with brimming interest before looking at the sky from time to time. He showed both surprise and doubt.

After fusing with a strand of true Chaotic Force, his soul had changed, giving him various abilities. Currently, he could clearly sense a sliver of power that belonged to the World of Moon and Star fuse into the vicious beast as it fought, allowing the beast to hold its ground against a Hallowed Saint Master that was akin to a mid Godking while only being an early Godking.

“The vicious beast before me can actually use the power of the World of Moon and Star?” Jian Chen was visibly moved by this discovery. He sank into his thoughts.

This was not as simple as controlling the powers of the surroundings. The power of the World of Moon and Star had fused with the vicious beast, assisting it in battle. It was similar to when the artifact spirit controlled the power of the Neptunean Divine Palace to protect Xiao Man.

The power of the Neptunean Divine Palace came from the structure itself, yet the power that assisted the vicious beast came from the World of Moon and Star. It was definitely not as simple as manipulating the origin energy that permeated the surroundings.

“Is this an innate ability of the vicious beasts, or is the World of Moon and Star similar to the Neptunean Divine Palace, especially taking care of these vicious beasts?” Jian Chen sank into his thoughts. It would be fine if it were the former, but he could not help but feel his heart sink if it were the latter.

“However, I can’t eliminate the possibility of this being the Radiant Saint Hall’s handiwork. After all, this is a place where a trial is being held. Since it’s a trial, it must have a certain level of difficulty and challenge,” Jian Chen guessed.

However, at this moment, Jian Chen’s eyes narrowed. Suddenly, he looked behind him. There was an intense battle between Primordial realm experts in the distance. Even though it was far away, he was still able to sense the surging energy ripples from the fight between the Primordial realm experts as soon as they erupted.

At that moment, Jian Chen’s gaze became piercing. As if he could see through space, he directly viewed what was happening over two million kilometres away.

With Jian Chen’s current cultivation, seeing something two million kilometres away was no longer a problem. He could clearly see elder He Tian, who watched over this entire place, engage in a battle with an azure-robed man.

“It’s Martial Soul Force! It’s actually the pulses from Martial Soul Force!” Jian Chen called out inside. At that moment, he fell into emotional turmoil. He struggled to remain calm. He possessed Martial Soul Force himself, but he was unable to find a cultivation method for it. As a result, his Martial Soul Force was still puny. Jian Chen immediately recognised the Martial Soul Force used during the fight between Qing Shan and elder He Tian.

However, the protectors behind Jian Chen were all focusing on the vicious beast up ahead, so none of them discovered the change to Jian Chen’s expression.

“That young man is only a Godking, yet he slightly has the upper hand against elder He Tian. There’s only one Godking so powerful and uses Martial Soul Force—Qing Shan, who ranks first on the Godkings’ Throne,” Jian Chen thought. Very soon, he deduced the young man’s identity, and the light in his eyes flickered.

The battle between Qing Shan and elder He Tian grew in intensity. It erupted with shockwaves that were even more terrifying. Eventually, the seven protectors around Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue sensed it.

Immediately, the seven protectors looked behind them. Their visions were nowhere near as great as Jian Chen’s, so they were unable to see so far away with their naked eyes. As a result, they all used the senses of their souls.

Even though they could envelop the region easily with the senses of their souls as mid Godkings, the region was filled with a fierce storm of energy, which prevented their senses from getting close.

However, they were still able to sense elder He Tian’s presence and the power of the Laws of the Hallowed within the storm of energy.

As a result, their expressions immediately changed.

“Oh no, there’s a Primordial realm expert in the World of Moon and Star!”

“They seem to be on par with elder He Tian. This is not good...”

“How is that possible? Haven’t the elders cleansed out all the experts who’ve reached the Primordial realm? How did they miss one...”

“Since the Primordial realm expert is fighting with elder He Tian, it must be an enemy. If elder He Tian gives way, we’ll be faced with a disaster...”

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The seven protectors all cried out as their faces became extremely ugly.

Clearly, they had realised the severity of the matter.

Chapter 2298: The Name of Qing Shan

Although Donglin Yanxue was unable to sense the shockwaves of the battle in the distance due to her limited cultivation, she learned quite a lot from the cries of the protectors, and her expression changed as a result.

“Quick, send some more people over and finish the battle fast,” Donglin Yanxue called out.

Immediately, three protectors out of the seven remaining charged towards the vicious beast. The four left were responsible for Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue’s safety.

The seven protectors were all Hallowed Saint Masters with mid seven-colored soulcores. Now that four of them were working together against a vicious beast that was only an early Godking, it was impossible for the beast to last long, regardless of how extraordinary the beast had become thanks to the assistance of the world.

Soon, the colossal beast emitted a chilling cry and had its head cut off by a blade of light condensed from the Laws of the Hallowed the four protectors wielded. It collapsed onto the ground with a weight of several dozen tonnes, causing the earth to tremble and dust to get kicked up.

“Quick, look for the Radiant Origin Pearl!” The moment the beast died, Jian Chen immediately called out to Donglin Yanxue.

Jian Chen had become stern as well. The Hallowed Saint Masters were unable to observe the battle in the distance, but he was able to see it clearly. Qing Shan’s strength was unimaginably great. As a Godking, he had actually managed to gain the upper hand against a Primordial realm expert like elder He Tian, completely suppressing the elder.

From a single glance, Jian Chen could tell that unless an accident happened, elder He Tian’s defeat was only a matter of time.

As a result, he became heavy-hearted. If elder He Tian was unable to stop Qing Shan, it would be impossible for the protectors to be Qing Shan’s opponent even if they worked together.

Donglin Yanxue did not hesitate at all after hearing Jian Chen call out. She immediately flew towards the nest of the vicious beast while surrounded in Radiant Saint Force.

Jian Chen and the eight protectors followed behind her closely.

As soon as they reached a kilometer away from the nest, a gleam of light shone through Donglin Yanxue's eyes. She could already sense the existence of the Radiant Origin Pearl, so she immediately sped up.

A while later, the group entered the vicious beast's nest. It was a huge cave, gloomy and damp. A thumb-sized Radiant Origin Pearl had been wedged in the rock at the top of the cave. It shone with a gentle light, providing some weak luminance to the gloomy cave.

A protector took action. He extended a finger, and a strand of power from the Laws of the Hallowed shot out from his fingertip. It struck the rock above and allowed the Radiant Origin Pearl to fall into his hand. Then he passed it to Donglin Yanxue.

Donglin Yanxue stowed away the Radiant Origin Pearl. Just when she wanted to check the surroundings, Jian Chen's voice rang out, "We can't stay here for long. We must leave immediately."

Donglin Yanxue frowned when she heard that. She was the candidate. She was the only one in charge here. Since when did Chang Yang become the one giving out orders?

Donglin Yanxue looked at Jian Chen with impatience. Right when she wanted to say something, the expressions of the eight protectors beside her all changed.

"Oh no, they're heading towards us..."

"Those are the shockwaves from Primordial realm experts. Once they're too close to us, even we will be injured..."

"Not only will we be injured, but we won't even be able to protect ourselves. No, we have to leave quick..."

"They're moving far too quickly. Leave! If we don't go, it'll be too late, and we'll end up suffering..."

...

The eight protectors all cried out. All of them had become extremely stern. They had been observing the distance with the senses of their souls. Even though they were unable to approach the centre of the battle, they could clearly tell where elder He Tian and Qing Shan were.

The cries from the eight protectors immediately made Donglin Yanxue lose interest in bickering with Jian Chen over this tiny matter. She immediately left with everyone.

The eight protectors clearly demonstrated the intense uneasiness in their hearts. As soon as they emerged from the cave, they controlled Radiant Saint Force to envelope Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue without any explanation before shooting off into the distance as quickly as they could.

At this moment, even Donglin Yanxue could hear the thunderous booms in the distance. The sounds became louder and louder. It was getting closer and closer.

Donglin Yanxue's heart sank with this. It seemed that the situation was far worse than she had imagined.

The eight protectors who fled with them were completely silent. Their faces were sunken as they escaped as quickly as they could. They wanted to pull away from the Primordial realm experts who rapidly approached them.

As the deafening booms drew closer and closer, shockwaves of energy extremely terrifying to the eight protectors wreaked havoc in the surroundings, causing space to distort. The origin energy that permeated the World of Moon and Star became exceedingly disorderly.

In the distant sky, two figures were clearly presented before the eight protectors. Elder He Tian and Qing Shan were already close enough for the eight protectors to see them.

However, when the eight protectors saw the scene in the distance, their faces changed drastically. Intense fear rose up from the bottom of their hearts.

What did they see?

They clearly saw elder He Tian covered in blood, blocking the attacks from behind him as he fled for his life.

A young man in azure robes pursued elder Mu Tian closely from behind. He had a cold, resolute face as his eyes shone with an astonishing cold light.

Clearly, Elder He Tian was not the young man's opponent.

"Qing Shan of the Martial Soul lineage has infiltrated the World of Moon and Star. He wants to kill all people from the Radiant Saint Hall. All protectors immediately flee while protecting your candidates. Find a way to contact the outside world..."

At this moment, elder He Tian's old voice rang out. His hoarse voice was filled with urgency, along with some weakness like he was becoming feeble.

Qing Shan was just too powerful. Whenever he clashed with elder He Tian, he was able to impact elder He Tian's soul with his Martial Soul Force. They had not fought for long, but elder He Tian was already defeated and heavily injured. Currently, he could only flee desperately.

"What! Qing Shan of the Martial Soul lineage has infiltrated this place..."

"It's actually someone from the Martial Soul lineage. We're in trouble now..."

"Even though Qing Shan is a peak Godking, he already has the power to kill Primordial realm experts. It's impossible for us to be his opponent. Run, run quick..."

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The eight protectors all paled. Without any hesitation, they immediately began to flee crazily at the greatest speed that they could unleash with Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue in tow.

Chapter 2299: The Fear of the Radiant Godkings

The name of Qing Shan had become piercing to their ears since a long time ago. Even though they utterly resented this person, they did not dare to put up any resistance at all when they truly saw him. The only thought left in their heads was to run, run, run. The further they could run, the better it would be. It would be best if they could run to a place where Qing Shan could not find them, somewhere they could hide well.

At that moment, Donglin Yanxue, who was taken along with the protectors, struggled to remain calm as well. Her exquisite face paled slightly as deep unease filled her eyes.

Out of them, Jian Chen was the only person who could remain composed. However, he frowned heavily as well.

“Hurry up and reunite with the four other groups then combine the strength of all the Radiant Godkings to work with elder He Tian. It won’t be impossible to defeat Qing Shan if we do that,” Jian Chen said calmly.

However, the eight protectors completely ignored Jian Chen. Not only did they not hurry off in the direction of the four other groups, but they even devoted themselves to fleeing further away instead.

Jian Chen could see the undisguised fear and vague despair within their eyes.

Jian Chen sighed secretly with this discovery. These people left him extremely disappointed.

Adding up the five groups, they had a total of forty-four Radiant Godkings. If they worked together, they would be a great force. Coupled with elder He Tian, he believed that they would be able to fend off Qing Shan.

Even if they were not Qing Shan’s opponent, at least they would not have to suffer an utter defeat at Qing Shan’s hands.

Even if a slight difference in strength remained, he could secretly help out, and they would be able to fend off Qing Shan. Even suppressing him was not impossible.

However, he had underestimated the protectors’ fear of Qing Shan. They did not have the courage to fight him at all.

They did not dare to fight Qing Shan and remained beside Jian Chen the entire time. As a result, Jian Chen was unable to find the opportunity to secretly help out despite wanting to.

After bellowing out, elder He Tian changed directions and flew off elsewhere, drawing Qing Shan away.

Qing Shan glanced past Donglin Yanxue’s group indifferently. He smiled coldly before continuing his pursuit.

In his eyes, there was no need to worry about the Radiant Godkings at all. No matter how they fled, they would not be able to escape from him. However, elder He Tian was the elder who watched over this place, so it was extremely likely for him to possess a method to contact the outside world. As a result, killing him was the top priority right now.

Qing Shan gradually traveled further away as he followed elder He Tian. The booms from their battle grew more distant as well before disappearing completely in the end.

However, the eight fleeing Radiant Godkings did not stop even then. Their speed did not decrease at all as they fled into the distance.

Along the way, they even flew over the territories of a few vicious beasts. The beasts that wandered the land pursued them crazily, but they were also ignored. The Radiant Godkings only focused on running.

“Sigh,” Jian Chen sighed inside. He had underestimated the protectors’ fear of Qing Shan, which made him feel extremely helpless. Moreover, he had sensed the existence of many Radiant Origin Pearls along the way, but in the end, he could only watch on as he missed out on them. It was impossible for him to remind the group.

The escape continued for half a day. Finally, the eight protectors stopped, descending into a hidden forest.

“Junior Yanxue, junior Chang Yang, do you have a method of contacting the outside world?” As soon as they stopped, the lord of the Cloud Mist Peak, Yue Fan, asked this. He was very stern.

The seven other protectors all looked towards Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue eagerly.

They did not even have the courage to fight Qing Shan. Even the old elder who watched over the World of Moon and Star was not Qing Shan’s opponent, so they could only place their hopes on Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue, these two juniors with impressive backgrounds. They hoped they could contact the outside world and alert the sacred hall of what was happening here so that they could send even more powerful elders to kill Qing Shan.

Donglin Yanxue shook her head gloomily and replied, “The World of Moon and Star is a miniature world. All my methods of communication are unable to pass through the obstructions here. I can’t contact anyone in the outside world right now.”

Undisguised disappointment filled the eyes of the eight protectors. Afterwards, all of them looked at Jian Chen, and one of them asked urgently as he looked at Jian Chen with anticipation and asked, “Junior Chang Yang, do you have any method of contacting vice-leader Xuan Zhan?”

Jian Chen also sighed gently, “I’m the same as Donglin Yanxue. I can’t establish contact with the outside world at all due to being in a different territory.”

“Probably only elder He Tian has the method of contacting the sacred hall from here. There’s nothing that we can do,” Donglin Yanxue added with a heavy heart.

The eight protectors all revealed ugly expressions. Elder He Tian was currently being hunted down by Qing Shan. He was busy fleeing for his life, so how could he have the time to contact the outside world? No one knew how much longer he could last for either.

As soon as they considered the possibility of being coldly hunted down by Qing Shan soon, they all became filled with unease and fear.

“Consider my earlier suggestion. If you keep on dragging it out, it really might be too late,” Jian Chen said again. He believed that this was the only way for the Radiant Saint Masters to repel Qing Shan.

The eight Radiant Saint Masters all hesitated. After a while of thought, they expressed their thoughts and began an intense discussion over Jian Chen’s suggestion.

Only two of them agree to Jian Chen's suggestion of working with the four other groups to deal with Qing Shan, unleashing all their strength as Radiant Godkings to fight alongside elder He Tian.

Meanwhile, a portion of them objected to the suggestion. They believed that even if they gathered everyone's strength, they still would not be Qing Shan's opponent. After all, they had already gained a deep impression of Qing Shan's infamy. They did not wish to clash with Qing Shan openly. They believed they should take advantage of when Qing Shan was focused on elder He Tian to flee far away and hide well. Then they could wait until the World of Moon and Star was opened to the outside world again a year later.

The last group of people hesitated. They struggled to make a decision.

At a time like this, Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue had instead become rather useless. Even with Donglin Yanxue's status as a candidate, she was unable to influence the decision of the Radiant Godkings.

This was because Donglin Yanxue had not become the Chosen Saint yet, and the eight Radiant Godkings were only her protectors that were tasked with guarding her. They were not her retainers who had to listen to all of her orders.

Jian Chen felt helpless as he listened to the bickering between the Radiant Godkings. He was no longer in the mood to listen to their discussion. He walked over to a huge tree nearby and lopped off the ends of the twigs. Like he was weightless, he sat down on a branch that was only as thick as a wrist.

He looked ahead, and his eyes shone brightly. As a result, his gaze became piercing, allowing him to see into the distance.

Chapter 2300: Death of a Primordial Realm Expert

But very soon, Jian Chen's eyes dimmed down and returned to normal. Elder He Tian and Qing Shan were just too far away; they were beyond the limits of his vision.

Jian Chen looked back and glanced at the eight Radiant Godkings who were still arguing as well as Donglin Yanxue who sat on the ground helplessly. After some slight hesitation, he carefully extended the senses of his soul into the distance.

Jian Chen's current level of cultivation was greater than the eight protectors. Coupled with the changes to his soul, the senses of his soul were far greater than the eight protectors.

As a result, Jian Chen enveloped a range of five million kilometres in just a short amount of time. However, he did not stop there.

Six million kilometres...

Seven million kilometres...

Very soon, the senses of Jian Chen's soul had extended for ten million kilometers, and he finally found traces of Qing Shan and elder He Tian.

The two of them were still locked in combat and were producing powerful shockwaves. These shockwaves impacted the senses of Jian Chen's soul quite a bit, but it did not obstruct his senses

completely like it did with the eight protectors. As a result, Jian Chen was able to observe the battle between Qing Shan and elder He Tian clearly.

At this moment, elder He Tian's presence was feeble. He was grievously injured, and he had lost most of his essence blood. He had become a skinny bag of bones, which was clearly the price for using various secret techniques.

He struggled to block Qing Shan's attacks more and more as blood constantly sprayed from his mouth. He was nearing his end.

Qing Shan's attacks remained just as sharp and swift as before. His presence was so powerful that it made the wind and clouds churned. Even though he was also bloodied, he was not feeble.

When the senses of Jian Chen's soul reached over, a bright light flashed through elder He Tian's gloomy eyes just when he was about to reach his end. As if he now saw a ray of hope, he immediately called out, "I am an elder of the Radiant Saint Hall. My friend hidden in the dark, no matter who you are, please intervene. Our Radiant Saint Hall will be filled with gratitude."

However, Qing Shan had also sensed it as well. A chilling light immediately flashed through his cold eyes as he looked at elder He Tian like the latter was already dead. He said coldly, "Quit dreaming. No matter who comes today, they won't be able to save you!" With that, Qing Shan's clothes immediately began to ruffle as his hair danced crazily. A terrifying presence radiated from him, filling the surroundings.

"Soul Mountain Seal!" Qing Shan crossed his hands and used a powerful secret technique. After calling out, a blurry, illusionary mountain immediately condensed. With immense pressure, it descended upon elder He Tian with terrifying force.

Elder He Tian bellowed out and also used a secret technique. He burnt the last of his essence blood. At the cost of his vitality, he condensed the Laws of the Hallowed into a resplendent spear that shot out.

This was the elder He Tian's last attack. After that, he became completely haggard. He was feeble and was basically taking his last breaths.

He had used everything he had in his battle against Qing Shan, but he felt completely powerless before the latter's Martial Soul Force. He was unable to resist the impact to his soul at all, so it was his utter defeat. He did not even manage to cause any severe injuries to Qing Shan.

Boom!

Elder He Tian's final attack collided with the illusionary mountain Qing Shan had conjured. Immediately, there was a great rumble as the mountain shook.

However, it only shook. Not only did the attack fail to disperse the mountain, but it continued to sink at the same speed, enveloping elder He Tian with tremendous pressure.

"My friend, please intervene!" Elder He Tian bellowed out miserably, but in the end, he was struck heavily by Qing Shan's Soul Mountain Seal before the mysterious person could intervene.

The Soul Mountain Seal was extremely wondrous. It did not injure elder He Tian's body at all. Instead, it directly crushed down on elder He Tian's soul.

Elder He Tian's dimming soul immediately collapsed. It had dispersed.

Elder He Tian of the Radiant Saint Hall had died!

After elder He Tian's death, the senses of Jian Chen's soul receded into the distance like water, vanishing in a single instance.

However, Qing Shan looked around after killing elder He Tian. His eyes shone with a chilling light as he murmured, "Who is this person? The senses of his soul are slightly different from other people. If he purposefully hides it, even I can't locate him."

"But from the strength of the senses of his soul, he's probably equal to the elder of the Radiant Saint Hall. It's fine if he's not a part of the Radiant Saint Hall, but I can't show any mercy if he is."

Jian Chen slowly opened his eyes as he sat on a tree ten million kilometres away from where elder He Tian had died. He stared right ahead sternly.

He had witnessed Qing Shan's strength. His strength was far greater than what Shui Yunlan displayed in the Neptunean Divine Palace. He was no weaker than Jian Chen himself.

With elder He Tian's death, the Hallowed Saint Masters in the World of Moon and Star had completely lost the power to fight against Qing Shan.

Naturally, Jian Chen had heard elder He Tian's pleas prior to the latter's death. He did want to help out, but there was nothing he could do from ten million kilometres away.

Even if he really could assist him somehow, he needed to consider whether his identity would be exposed.

Otherwise, it would become a stupid decision of dooming oneself.

"Aren't you scared at all?" At this moment, Donglin Yanxue's voice rang out from behind Jian Chen. She had also leapt onto the tree and stood on a branch gently while she looked at Jian Chen's figure with rather mixed feelings.

At that moment, to Donglin Yanxue's surprise, Jian Chen's back seemed particularly straight and tall.

She felt like he could hold up the sky.

But afterwards, Donglin Yanxue secret shook her head and discarded the hilarious and immature thought. She became embarrassed by her own thinking.

After all, the person seated before her was just a weak Radiant Saint Master whose cultivation was not even as great as hers.

"What's the use of being afraid? I've faced plenty of much more despairing situations in the past. In my eyes, the danger you face right now is nothing," Jian Chen said calmly. He sat still on the tree as he looked ahead.

Donglin Yanxue clearly became slightly surprised when she saw Jian Chen demonstrate a level of composure that even the eight Radiant Godkings lacked. She could not help but study Jian Chen properly.

At that moment, she suddenly discovered that she seemed to have failed to see through Jian Chen completely.

However, as soon as she thought of Jian Chen's intentions of getting close to her, she became extremely repulsed.

"Chang Yang, do you regret becoming my ninth protector very much now that we're in danger?" Donglin Yanxue asked. She spoke very softly, very indifferently, and slightly coldly.

"I don't regret it because I want to enter the Tower of Radiance. Becoming a retainer of the five candidates is the only choice," said Jian Chen. He spoke very calmly, without any emotion at all.

Donglin Yanxue frowned. Just when she wanted to ask him why he had gone so far when he could have just asked the vice-leader to enter the Tower of Radiance with his medallion, Jian Chen glanced at the eight Radiant Godkings and said, "They've finished discussing. Let's head over and see what they've decided on."

With that, Jian Chen drifted off the tree slowly and made his way over to the eight protectors. Donglin Yanxue could only swallow what she wanted to ask earlier.