

Chaotic 2301

Chapter 2301: Targeted

“Have you thought it through?” Jian Chen arrived before the eight protectors. He glanced past them and asked calmly.

The eight Radiant Godkings looked at one another. They clearly seemed rather dispirited. They said, “We’ve made our decision. We all believe we should run far away. The World of Moon and Star is so large. Even elder He Tian could only envelop a tiny portion of it with the senses of his soul. No matter how powerful Qing Shan is, he’s still a Godking. We don’t believe he can search through the entire World of Moon and Star in one short year.”

“We only need to last a year. After that year, the World of Moon and Star will open again, and the sacred hall will send powerful elders to search the entire World of Star and Moon. These elders will definitely find us.”

“That might be our only chance of surviving...”

“If that’s the case, let’s get moving,” said Jian Chen. This time, he did not say anything else. If elder He Tian was still present, the Radiant Godkings might have been able to fend off Qing Shan.

But now that elder He Tian was dead, it was impossible for the Radiant Godkings to stand up to Qing Shan even if all five groups worked together. They had already lost their only chance at repelling Qing Shan.

Running far away then hiding was indeed the only method of survival left for the Radiant Godkings.

Afterwards, everyone continued on their way. Due to their weaker strength and slower speed, Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue were enveloped by a layer of light as the protectors carried them along.

That way, their speed could increase drastically.

Donglin Yanxue had already given up on the mission of collecting Radiant Origin Pearls. Qing Shan’s arrival had completely derailed the trial.

At the same time, the four groups led by Gongzheng Xin, Xin Bin, An Da, and Shi De in various locations all made the same decision as Donglin Yanxue. The four of them dispersed, fleeing for their lives in various directions.

To all the Radiant Godkings of the Radiant Saint Hall, the name Qing Shan was the most terrifying nightmare. As a result, the Radiant Godkings all became absolutely frightened after hearing the news that Qing Shan had entered the World of Moon and Star as well. The only thought remaining in their heads was to run far away and avoid Qing Shan. None of them dared to consider standing up to Qing Shan.

“Elder He Tian had a method to contact the outside world. He must have reported this huge incident to the sacred hall already. We only need to hide carefully, and the sacred hall will send experts to kill Qing Shan.”

A middle-aged Radiant Godking from Shi De's group said. Although he put it like that, there was still great unease on his face.

All of them had chosen to flee as quickly as possible while elder He Tian fought against Qing Shan. They did not dare to get anywhere close to the battle, so no one in the World of Moon and Star knew that elder He Tian was dead apart from Jian Chen.

Elder He Tian indeed had a method of communicating with the outside world. However, due to the level of the World of Moon and Star, its boundaries were extremely tough, so a formation engraved here needed to be activated to communicate with the outside world. Elder He Tian had no time to activate it when he fought against Qing Shan.

As a result, since elder He Tian had died, the situation in the World of Moon and Star would not get reported to the outside world like most of the Radiant Godkings were hoping.

The outside world was clueless to the happenings in the World of Moon and Star.

The nine Radiant Godkings fled furiously with their candidate, unleashing their full speeds.

But at this moment, a powerful presence suddenly appeared in the distant horizon. It approached the group at an extremely terrifying speed.

The expressions of all nine Radiant Godkings changed when they sensed the presence. They cried out in fear.

"It's not elder He Tian. It's Qing Shan. Oh no, Qing Shan is coming..."

"Where is elder He Tian? Has elder He Tian been defeated already..."

"Run! Run..."

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The nine protectors around Shi De all became sheet-white. At that moment, the small group of ten became disorderly. Four of them broke free from the group, fleeing in four different directions in a panic.

Their actions were like a trigger, causing the other protectors to abandon Shi De and scatter.

They believed that perhaps their chance at surviving would become slightly higher if they did that.

The candidate, Shi De, was a short, plump boy. He seemed to be seventeen or eighteen, but he had already cultivated for several hundred years now. When he saw his nine protectors flee by themselves, his plump face immediately became warped.

In the distance, the azure-robed Qing Shan gradually appeared. He strode through the air with a surging presence, making his way over. He seemed like he was on a leisurely stroll, but he would cross over a thousand kilometres with each step. He appeared before Shi De instantly.

"Which one of the five candidates are you?" Qing Shan hovered in the air and stared at Shi De coldly. His eyes shone with killing intent.

"I- I- I'm Shi De..." Shi De's face was filled with fear as he stammered.

"Shi De? Very well, you can go die!" As killing intent flashed through his eyes, Qing Shan extended a finger towards Shi De's forehead.

Spurt!

Immediately, a finger-sized hole appeared between Shi De's eyes. He collapsed powerlessly.

Shi De of the five candidates had been instantly slain.

However, Qing Shan acted like he had just accomplished a simple task. He looked in the directions that the nine Radiant Godkings had fled, and he sneered, "Do you really think you can escape like this? You underestimate me far too much. No matter how far you run, no matter how well you hide, all the Hallowed Saint Masters in the World of Moon and Star will face death."

"I will make the Radiant Saint Hall go without a Chosen Saint this time."

With that, Qing Shan pursued the nine fleeing Radiant Godkings.

Before long, the nine Radiant Godkings in charge of protecting Shi De were hunted down one by one. Without any exception, they were mercilessly slain by Qing Shan.

Before Qing Shan who had killed even Primordial realm experts, Radiant Godkings with measly mid seven-colored soulcores were unable to fight back at all.

After killing off Shi De's entire group, Qing Shan stood where he was with his eyes closed. He used a secret technique to silently look for the others.

A few seconds later, Qing Shan opened his eyes and looked to the left. He smiled coldly and said, "I've found the second group." With that, Qing Shan turned into a blur and shot off with lightning speed. He travelled straight towards the second group.

The second group he was targeting was led by Donglin Yanxue.

When Qing Shan hunted down Shi De's group, he had incidentally closed the distance from Donglin Yanxue's group. Hence, not only did Donglin Yanxue's group fail to travel away from Qing Shan, but they had even become the closest instead.

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Jian Chen's expression suddenly changed as the protectors carried him along. Qing Shan did not try to hide himself at all as he travelled towards them. He let his presence surge, which made him stand out very much. As a result, Jian Chen was able to sense his location despite the great distance between them.

Jian Chen could sense that Qing Shan was heading towards their location with great precision.

He was extremely fast. Even though there were eight Radiant Godkings around him moving as quickly as they could, they were still far slower than Qing Shan.

“We’re in trouble,” Jian Chen’s face finally became rather ugly. He was not afraid of Qing Shan, but he was unable to expose his strength right now.

Jian Chen’s face sank as the light in his eyes flickered. He racked his brains for a way of dealing with Qing Shan.

“Oh no, Qing Shan is coming...”

Before long, Qing Shan entered the sensory range of the Radiant Godkings as well. The Radiant Godkings were able to identify him immediately from his surging presence that was different from elder He Tian’s. Their faces all changed drastically.

“He’s coming! He’s coming...”

“Run! Run quick...”

The eight Radiant Godkings all became extremely pale as they cried out in fear. The shade of death had enveloped them as heavy dread filled their hearts. They could no longer care about protecting the Chosen Saint.

As a result, the eight Radiant Godkings acted just like Shi De’s protectors, abandoning Donglin Yanxue and Jian Chen to flee into the surroundings.

In the blink of an eye, the eight protectors around Donglin Yanxue and Jian Chen had completely vanished. Only Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue remained there alone.

Donglin Yanxue’s complexion became extremely miserable. With a pale face, she looked around for the eight protectors who had already vanished. She felt utterly powerless inside.

Jian Chen also watched the eight protectors flee with an ugly expression. Afterwards, he arrived before Donglin Yanxue and growled, “We can’t stay here. Let’s go!” He could already sense that Qing Shan was getting closer and closer.

“Qing Shan’s target should be me. He should have come for the candidates. Chang Yang, don’t worry about me. Go.” Donglin Yanxue’s complexion was dreary. Her eyes were filled with despair. She no longer had any hopes of surviving, as she was about to face Qing Shan, a person who could even kill Primordial realm experts.

“Let’s go!”

Jian Chen frowned and called out. He grabbed Donglin Yanxue’s hand before she could respond and shot off towards the dense forest in the distance.

In his trip to the World of Moon and Star this time, everyone could die, but he could not let anything happen to Donglin Yanxue, as she would be directly responsible for whether he could enter the Tower of Radiance or not.

Donglin Yanxue’s hand was warm and smooth, but at a time like this, Jian Chen was in no mood to pay attention to such details. He held Donglin Yanxue’s soft hand tightly as he flew forwards.

When Donglin Yanxue felt Jian Chen grab her hand, she could not help but quiver slightly. Her emotions immediately began to ripple.

Although she had been cultivating for quite some time, she had never made such close physical contact with a man before.

Donglin Yanxue looked to the side slightly and glanced at Jian Chen. When she noticed Jian Chen completely concentrating on running away and showing no lechery at all, she gradually calmed down.

“At least he isn’t like the other protectors, running away alone,” thought Donglin Yanxue. She could not help but change her opinion of Jian Chen. She did not try to shake off Jian Chen’s hand.

Suddenly, Jian Chen stopped with an ugly expression. He said grimly, “Just as expected. Qing Shan has really come for us.”

At this moment, even Donglin Yanxue could sense Qing Shan’s presence. He did not chase down the eight protectors. Instead, he made his way directly towards them.

“His target is me. Run before he gets here. Get as far away as you can,” Donglin Yanxue broke free from Jian Chen’s grip and said gloomily.

“Hahaha. You want to escape from me with just your strength? You’re underestimating me too much,” Qing Shan’s laughter rang out as soon as Donglin Yanxue had finished talking. A black speck even smaller than an ant appeared in the distant horizon, but in the next moment, it had crossed the huge distance and appeared before Donglin Yanxue and Jian Chen, turning into Qing Shan.

Jian Chen studied Qing Shan. He had heard about Qing Shan who held first place on the Godkings’ Throne firmly and was known as the strongest Godking in the entire Saints’ World quite some time ago.

Moreover, Qing Shan was similar to him, both a fighter and a Radiant Saint Master. He wielded Martial Soul Force.

Jian Chen was composed as he faced Qing Shan, while Donglin Yanxue became despaired.

“Four-colored soulcore. You must be one of the candidates. State your name,” Qing Shan hovered three metres in the air as he looked at Donglin Yanxue from above. He spoke coldly.

Donglin Yanxue did not reply. She gritted her teeth and tossed a formation disc onto the ground from her Space Ring.

Immediately, a powerful energy barrier was erected, surrounding her and Jian Chen.

This was a rather high quality defensive formation disc. It could easily block attacks from Godkings and a single attack from a Primordial realm expert. Before Donglin Yanxue had entered the World of Moon and Star, her seniors in the Donglin clan had bestowed this item upon her. It was her greatest trump card for protecting herself.

Jian Chen studied the formation disc and immediately determined it could only block a single attack from Qing Shan.

“It doesn’t matter if you don’t tell me. There’s only one female among the five candidates. You should be Donglin Yanxue.” Qing Shan watched Donglin Yanxue’s actions indifferently. He did not stop her. In the next moment, killing intent flashed through his eyes, and he said coldly, “Since I know your identity, you can follow Shi De’s footsteps now.” With that, Qing Shan extended a finger towards Donglin Yanxue.

Immediately, a streak of light shot out from his fingertip and landed on Donglin Yanxue’s protective barrier with enough force to make space tremble.

“Martial Soul Force!” A gleam of light flashed through Jian Chen’s eyes the moment Qing Shan struck out. He could clearly sense the existence of Martial Soul Force in that move.

Moreover, it was Martial Soul Force countless times more powerful than what Jian Chen could control.

Jian Chen immediately became eager. Suddenly, he desired a battle with Qing Shan very much. He wanted to understand the mysteries of Martial Soul Force from Qing Shan.

Bang!

At this moment, Donglin Yanxue’s protective formation shattered loudly after enduring a strike from Qing Shan. Powerful ripples of energy, along with strands Martial Soul Force, surged through the shattered barrier and struck Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue heavily.

Chapter 2303: Fighting Qing Shan (Two)

Even though the formation had weakened the ripples of energy, making them become next to nothing, they were still extremely terrifying to Donglin Yanxue who was only equivalent to a Deity.

Blood sprayed from Donglin Yanxue’s mouth as she immediately became sheet-white. She was heavily injured. At the same time, her soul fell under the influence of Marital Soul Force. Extremely weak slivers of Marital Soul Force had wormed into her soul, heavily damaged it.

Donglin Yanxue only felt intense pain from her head all of a sudden. In the next moment, she fell unconscious and fainted.

“Actually still alive!” With a cold face, Qing Shan had already extended his finger a second time. A powerful beam of energy was emitted once again, shooting towards Donglin Yanxue with enough power to distort space.

Jian Chen paid attention to Donglin Yanxue’s situation at all times. The moment she collapsed, he used a hand to pull her in. His eyes immediately lit up when he saw that she had fainted.

At the same time, space distorted slightly as a powerful pulse of energy surged in. Qing Shan’s second attack shot over with lightning speed.

Jian Chen did not even glance at Qing Shan’s second attack. He held Donglin Yanxue close to him with one hand and directed his back towards Qing Shan with a swirl, protecting Donglin Yanxue. At the same time, his right extended backwards.

Immediately, sharp Laws of the Sword descended, instantly gathering at the Jian Chen’s fingertip. It suddenly shot out as a resplendent streak of sword Qi.

The sword Qi only seemed to be the size of a finger, but it was extremely powerful. As it ripped through the air, it produced a shrill whistle. The space around it distorted heavily. Cracks in space seemed to appear.

Jian Chen finally had the chance to fight now that Donglin Yanxue was unconscious and the Radiant Godkings had fled!

The sharp sword Qi collided with the beam of energy that bore Martial Soul Force, erupting with a great boom. When the two different laws collided, they both shattered and surged out into the surroundings with a powerful shockwave.

Their attacks were terrifying, completely exceeding the level of Godking. The earth cracked, and space distorted. The entire region had almost collapsed.

Jian Chen used his body to shield the unconscious Donglin Yanxue. Under the circulation of Chaotic Force, he had already pushed his defences to the limit. As if his feet were rooted in the ground, he stood firmly under the impact of the shockwave. He did not move at all.

On the other side, Qing Shan hovered in the air as an invisible power permeated before him, preventing the incoming shockwave from getting anywhere near him.

At that moment, his eyes shone with dazzling light. He stared right at Jian Chen in shock, surprise, and disbelief. He could not help but cry out, "Laws of the Sword!"

Qing Shan had already discovered Jian Chen from very far away, but at the time, Jian Chen only seemed to possess a one-colored soulcore, so Qing Shan did not take him seriously.

However, now that Jian Chen, who clearly seemed like a Radiant Saint Master in Qing Shan's eyes, had suddenly demonstrated power from the Laws of the Sword, Qing Shan finally began to take notice of him.

Qing Shan's eyes shone brightly as he stared right at Jian Chen. The light in his eyes changed rapidly.

Jian Chen also turned around slowly and stared at Qing Shan calmly.

But very soon, he felt slightly surprised. He found Qing Shan's gaze to be rather strange. It confused him slightly.

He did not sense any killing intent from Qing Shan's gaze at all. Instead, he saw slivers of joy and excitement from his gaze that rapidly changed between emotions.

"Did the senses of the soul earlier come from you?" Qing Shan asked after staring at Jian Chen for a while.

"That's right!" Jian Chen stared at Qing Shan with composure and asked, "Do you want to kill Donglin Yanxue?"

"My intentions for coming to the World of Moon and Star is to kill all five candidates and all the protectors so that the Radiant Saint Hall will go without a Chosen Saint," Qing Shan calmed down again; he looked at Jian Chen deeply as he said seriously.

“Then you must be disappointed because you can’t kill Donglin Yanxue,” Jian Chen said calmly.

Qing Shan frowned. He glared at Jian Chen and growled, “You want to protect her? You’re not weak, but you’re not at the Primordial realm. Do you think you have the capability?”

“I do!”

“Very well! Demonstrate to me just how great your abilities are!” Qing Shan called out as his presence skyrocketed. It caused the clouds to churn as wind blew. The entire region of space twisted.

Jian Chen’s gaze gradually became piercing. He lowered his head to glance at the unconscious Donglin Yanxue in his arms. Currently, blood was flowing from the corner of her mouth. With a thought, the Laws of Space surrounded Donglin Yanxue, sending her away.

“The Laws of Space!” Qing Shan exclaimed. A strange gleam of light flashed through his gaze towards Jian Chen. He could clearly sense that Donglin Yanxue had been sent to a mountain several hundred kilometres away with the Laws of Space.

The mountain originally belonged to a pangolin that possessed the strength of an early Overgod. However, the pangolin was killed by a blade of space that suddenly appeared the moment Donglin Yanxue was sent there.

Jian Chen struck out firmly after sending Donglin Yanxue to somewhere safe. He attacked Qing Shan.

In that instance, supreme sword intent radiated from him. It seemed to gather in from all directions while Jian Chen seemed to have become an ultimate sword that stood in the world.

Afterwards, he shone with blinding light. With sword intent powerful enough to make space tremble, he stabbed towards Qing Shan.

This was the first time Jian Chen had truly fought after his soul fused with the strand of Chaotic Force!

His strike this time was utterly astonishing. As sword Qi pierced through the air, space was ripped open, forming black cracks of various sizes. The cold sword Qi immediately reduced the vegetation in the surroundings to powder and the rocks to dust. Even the ground below had fragments sliced off by sword Qi, causing it to sink.

Although Jian Chen’s comprehension of the Laws of the Sword was still at the great perfection of Sword Spirit, his battle prowess had increased by far too much.

Moreover, Jian Chen could clearly sense that ever since his soul changed, not only was he able to control Radiant Saint Force as he wished, but even his control over the Laws of the Sword had increased greatly. As a result, his affinity with the Laws of the Sword had reached an extremely high level.

Qing Shan became stern. He bellowed out, and a terrifying energy rumbled within him. All of it gathered in his right hand. Using a finger as his sword, he swung down with extremely dense Martial Soul Force.

In that instance, time seemed to slow down. Qing Shan’s finger contained the profound mysteries of ways, causing it to seemingly interfere with the flow of time, making it seem abnormally slow.

Chapter 2304: Fighting Qing Shan (Three)

A gleam of light flashed through Jian Chen's eyes. In the moment Qing Shan struck, Jian Chen immediately felt a powerful wave of Martial Soul Force seem to shoot out, tearing through his protective light and striking his soul.

Martial Soul Force was a type of power different from origin energy that specifically attacked the soul. It was impossible to guard against. Even Jian Chen was unable to defend himself from it.

However, Jian Chen was no ordinary cultivator. Apart from the fact that his soul had undergone an unbelievable change due to the strand of Chaotic Force, he was also an existence who wielded Martial Soul Force.

As a result, when the presence of the Martial Soul Force tore through Jian Chen's defences and reached his soul, Jian Chen felt no discomfort at all. The damage from the influence had been reduced to a minimum. He was basically immune to it.

Boom!

At the same time, Jian Chen collided with Qing Shan's finger like a sword, erupting with a huge boom.

Immediately, even more powerful Martial Soul Force surged over. Like a huge python, it snaked past Jian Chen's defences and collided with his soul.

The Martial Soul Force was even more powerful than before. Even the souls of Primordial realm experts would be severely affected.

However, Jian Chen remained the same as before. He was not overly affected.

The threat of Marital Soul Force was not as terrifying to him as to other cultivators.

However, Qing Shan's strike was more than just Martial Soul Force. There was also devastating energy. When it came into contact with Jian Chen's sword Qi, it immediately shattered and scattered the sword Qi, shooting off in all directions like rain.

Qing Shan's finger continued towards Jian Chen's chest with some remaining power.

Jian Chen's eyes narrowed. The power of Qing Shan's finger was far greater than he had anticipated. However, he did not become flustered. He received it with composure. Immediately, his presence changed. In that instance, he seemed to have fused with the surroundings, becoming the laws of the world, an existence that controlled the region.

The space there had already collapsed. At that moment, the specks of sword Qi that had shot outwards all halted. As if they were experiencing some kind of calling, they gathered towards Jian Chen with even greater speed, instantly condensing into a resplendent streak of light above Jian Chen's head. It ripped through space and cleaved towards Qing Shan's finger mercilessly.

Jian Chen completely depended on his own usage of the Laws of the Sword to unleash such strength. The many sword techniques he had learnt in the past were completely useless now due to their limited grades.

“You’re much more powerful than I imagined you to be!” Qing Shan called out. His finger that originally slashed towards Jian Chen’s chest suddenly changed in direction. He used two fingers to clamp down Jian Chen’s sword Qi as he smiled strangely, “Martial Soul Technique, Repossession!”

With that, Martial Soul Force immediately shot out from the area between Qing Shan’s eyes, landing on Jian Chen’s sword Qi as an invisible blade.

Jian Chen’s face suddenly changed. He was surprised. In that instance, he suddenly discovered his connection with the sword Qi had been severed. The sword Qi condensed from his Laws of the Sword were no longer under his control. Qing Shan had taken possession of them.

“There’s actually such a wondrous use of Martial Soul Force?” Jian Chen was astonished inside.

The sword Qi condensed by Jian Chen stabbed back at him under Qing Shan’s control.

That was not all. Qing Shan clenched his right hand into a fist. Terrifying energy surged on its surface, and he punched out right behind the sword Qi.

Jian Chen showed no fear at all. Chaotic Force circulated as the Laws of Strength descended. He also threw a punch, striking out with unbelievably great force.

The might of his punch had reached the limit. The moment he struck out, the space before him shattered like glass. The origin energy in the surroundings even dispersed.

The moment the sword Qi came into contact with Jian Chen’s fist, the sword Qi began to collapse inch by inch. It had been shattered. Afterwards, Jian Chen’s punch continued onwards without weakening at all, colliding with Qing Shan’s punch with chilling force.

Bang!

A heavy boom rang out in the surroundings. Their clash this time was extremely frightening. It formed a visible shockwave that spread out in all directions. Wherever it went, the landscape vanished. All the mountains within a hundred kilometres were reduced to dust. The entire ground sank.

Qing Shan was knocked away by Jian Chen’s punch. He only stabilised himself after flying for several kilometres. His blood and organs surged, and his entire right arm became numb. Afterwards, he stared at Jian Chen in surprise and called out, “The Laws of Strength! You’ve actually grasped the Laws of the Sword, the Laws of Space, and the Laws of Strength and reached Godking with all of them!”

“No. Even if it’s the Laws of Strength, it’s impossible for your power to reach such a terrifying level. It’s your body. Your body holds extraordinary power.”

Jian Chen said nothing. The space around him pulsed slightly, and he vanished in that instance. Using the Laws of Space, he teleported across a short range and appeared behind Qing Shan instantly. Bringing his hands together, an even more powerful strand of sword Qi suddenly appeared. It stabbed towards Qing Shan’s back with enough power to rip through space.

Qing Shan’s heart shivered. The sword Qi was so powerful that he did not dare to be careless. Before the sword Qi had even arrived, he felt countless strands of sword Qi moving around him and enveloping him completely. He felt piercing pain all over.

Even his azure robes became covered with many slashes.

In that moment, he felt like he had entered a sword domain, where invisible sword Qi was omnipresent.

“Soul Mountain Seal!” Qing Shan bellowed out. He formed a seal with both hands, and an illusionary mountain appeared above him. It was hazy and seemed like it was surrounded by clouds. However, the mountain gave off terrifying power that seemed strong enough to crush worlds.

The hazy mountain rapidly descended. It radiated with astonishing might as the space below it suddenly froze. It crushed down on Jian Chen like it was unstoppable.

Jian Chen’s body sank. In that moment, he felt like he had become burdened with a mysterious force. It formed a restraint that he struggled to break free from. It prevented him from dodging the illusionary mountain, forcing him to receive it head-on.

Jian Chen was stern. The sword Qi that originally stabbed towards Qing Shan’s back suddenly travelled towards the sky. As a streak of light, it collided with the illusionary mountain.

At the same time, Laws of Strength gathered from around him. He unleashed his greatest strength and threw uppercuts.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Jian Chen’s punches caused space to erupt as the surroundings rumbled heavily. His Chaotic Body was already tough. Coupled with the Laws of Strength, the power in each punch was frightening and astonishing. In just three punches, he had forcefully shattered the illusionary mountain.

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Afterwards, Jian Chen used his body as a sword, becoming clad in blinding light as he stabbed out.

At the same time, he used the Laws of Strength and the Laws of Space simultaneously. He used the three laws together in battle. He was protected by the dazzling light from the Laws of the Sword outside while his body was strengthened by the Laws of Strength, making him terrifyingly tough. He used the Laws of Space to push his speed to the limits so that his strike was utterly shocking in the end.

It was no longer the Primordial realm. The power within his strike was enough to kill experts of the Primordial realm.

“Hahaha, nice!” Qing Shan showed no fear as he faced Jian Chen’s astonishing attack. As he laughed aloud, his presence suddenly skyrocketed. He also struck out with his full strength, using a secret technique to deal a shocking attack that caused space to collapse.

They fought with great intensity. Every time they clashed, a deafening boom would ring out. Frightening, violent storms of energy wreaked havoc in the surroundings, causing space to crack time and time again.

They fought their way up into the sky before fighting their way deep underground. They fought as they retreated, moving tens of thousand kilometres away.

Along the way, all vegetation was reduced to powder while mountain range after mountain range collapsed and vanished. They had been shattered by the powerful shockwaves, reduced to thick dust that filled the skies.

Fire-red lava spewed out from below the ground with great heat, dyeing the entire region red.

As Jian Chen and Qing Shan's attacks would miss from time to time and land on the earth, they had formed tunnels thousands of kilometres long, penetrating into the depths of the ground and disturbing the lava there.

Both Jian Chen and Qing Shan were quite injured now that the battle had reached such a point. Their clothes were soaked in blood.

Qing Shan was surrounded by a milky-white light. This was Radiant Saint Force. His wounds healed at a visible rate under its influence, recovering as he fought.

Even though Jian Chen did not use Radiant Saint Force to heal, the great regenerative capacity of the Chaotic Body was perfectly unleashed. As a result, his wounds healed at a rate no slower than Qing Shan's.

As the two of them fought, the three groups led by Gongzheng Xin, Xin Bin, and An Da, along with the protectors who had abandoned Donglin Yanxue and Jian Chen, all halted in their tracks. They looked towards the sky, staring in Jian Chen and Qing Shan's direction from afar. The light in their eyes flickered.

"What's happening? Why have all of you stopped?" Gongzheng Xin barked at the protectors around him. There was undisguised panic and fear on his face.

This was fear towards Qing Shan!

"Young master Xin, there are experts fighting in the distance. The shockwaves from their battle are extremely terrifying, so terrifying that they've caused the world to change. Even from ten thousand kilometres away, we can sense it clearly," a protector said from beside Gongzheng Xin, still badly shaken.

"One of them should be Qing Shan of the Martial Soul Lineage. Who's the other person?"

"It doesn't matter who he is. We can be certain that he's much more powerful than elder He Tian. The disturbance from his battle against Qing Shan is even greater than elder He Tian's..."

"Has the sacred hall received the news and sent an expert?"

The other protectors said. The light in their eyes flickered with uncertainty as they looked at one another. Afterwards, one of them suggested, "Since Qing Shan has been stopped, there's no need for us to fear anymore. Let's go and see which expert is fighting Qing Shan."

Afterwards, some of the protectors immediately flew towards where Jian Chen and Qing Shan fought. The others remained behind to protect Gongzheng Xin.

After they made the same decision, An Da's group also did something similar. Only Xin Bin's group, under the candidate's insistence, did not have any protectors go over to check. They continued to flee.

The protectors who had abandoned Donglin Yanxue were no exception either. They all turned around and approached the battle.

“The shockwaves are so intense. Qing Shan must have encountered an opponent even more powerful than elder He Tian...”

“The sacred hall must have learnt about the situation in the World of Moon and Star and sent an expert to deal with Qing Shan. Qing Shan is struggling to deal with his problems now. Let’s hurry back and see if we can find the opportunity to kill Qing Shan...”

“Killing Qing Shan of the Martial Soul lineage would be a deed of great merit...”

The protectors all stopped running for their lives with various thoughts. They started to approach Qing Shan by following the shockwaves.

Boom!

Ten million kilometres away, Jian Chen and Qing Shan clashed once more before being knocked away by the great force.

When Qing Shan stabilised himself, a black sword suddenly appeared with a flip of his hand. It gave off the might of a god artifact. He called out, “Soul-severing sword, low quality god artifact! Even the elder who just died to my hands was not enough for me to use this sword, but you are! I hope you don’t disappoint me.” With that, Qing Shan swung the sword and shot out an ink-black streak of sword Qi, directing it towards Jian Chen.

After taking out the god artifact, Qing Shan’s battle prowess was elevated to a new level. The sword Qi ripped a pitch-black gash in space that was several metres long.

Jian Chen was stern. In that moment, he no longer held back either. With a flip of his hand, the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways suddenly appeared. As he channeled his Chaotic Force into the weapon, the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways immediately shone with resplendent starlight, conjuring illusionary stars.

Every star conjured made the power in the sword rise. A total of six illusionary stars appeared from the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways one after another.

Jian Chen also swung out. Immediately, starlight seemed to twinkle as it collided with the Soul-severing sword loudly.

The clash between the two god artifacts unleashed a might that was even more shocking. The terrifying powers collided, causing space to erupt with a thunderous boom. Space collapsed where the god artifacts clashed, forming a metre wide black hole.

Along with the shockwave, a great force erupted, pushing both Jian Chen and Qing Shan into constant retreat.

Qing Shan was slightly pale and some blood ran down from the corner of his mouth. However, he stared at Jian Chen with shining eyes as he laughed out loud, “The Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways! It really is you!”

Meanwhile, Jian Chen was emotionless and cold. He knew Qing Shan had already realised his true identity. However, he was not surprised. He was already ready to expose his identity after he made up his mind to protect Donglin Yanxue.

The Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways in Jian Chen's hand suddenly jolted, and it shone with blinding starlight. He glared at Qing Shan. Just when he was about to continue the battle, he suddenly frowned. He glanced around and saw what was going on extremely far away; it was like his gaze could pierce through space.

He had already sensed the approach of many Radiant Godkings with lightning speed from all directions. Even though they were several million kilometres away, it would not take them long to arrive with their speeds as Radiant Godkings.

As a matter of fact, the senses of their souls could easily reach over. However, the space around them was filled with extremely violent storms of energy, preventing the Radiant Godkings from nearing this place with the senses of their souls.

Jian Chen gave up on his plan of continuing his fight with Qing Shan since these people were approaching. He stowed the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways away and said coldly, "Qing Shan, I'll continue my fight with you some other time." With that, the power of the Laws of Space immediately pulsed from his location. In the next moment, he vanished. He had left.

Jian Chen used the Laws of Space to teleport a thousand kilometres away. Afterwards, with a few flashes, he moved ten thousand kilometres away as quickly as he could. He picked up the still unconscious Donglin Yanxue from the mountain he had placed her in before flying off into the distance.

Qing Shan gripped the Soul-severing sword as he hovered in the air. He did not stop Jian Chen from leaving. His eyes shone extremely brightly as he looked at Jian Chen with a strange light. His lips curled into a smile as he said, "I actually encountered the eighth wielder of Martial Soul Force here. However, his battle prowess is great enough to astonish me. That's quite surprising. It's just a pity that he has no idea how to use Martial Soul Force."

Qing Shan stowed his sword away as he said that. He looked at the Radiant Godkings who approached this place rapidly and his gaze immediately became cold, "These people seem to make him worry. But fair enough, there shouldn't be anyone in the Radiant Saint Hall who knows his true identity, or he wouldn't be able to survive until now. Since that's the case, let me erase his worries completely."

Chapter 2306: Close Contact

With that, Qing Shan turned into an azure blur that shot off in the sky. He approached the Radiant Godkings gathering over with lightning speed.

He did not seem to be afraid of alarming the Radiant Godkings at all. As he flew through the air, he radiated with a powerful presence that flooded the surroundings.

The protectors of the three candidates shot towards the battle from three different directions.

The shockwaves from the battle earlier were just too powerful, having completely exceeded the level of Godking. As a result, the Radiant Godkings scattered across the World of Moon and Star all thought the sacred hall had sent an expert to deal with Qing Shan.

After all, they had heard from the elder when they arrived here that the vicious beasts had been screened first, leaving behind vicious beasts that were Godkings at most. It was impossible for an existence beyond Godking to appear.

Hence, they immediately connected it to reinforcements from the sacred hall as soon as they sensed the Primordial realm battle shockwaves.

“I wonder which elder has entered the World of Moon and Star. However, no matter who he is, Qing Shan is done for...”

“Since the sacred hall already knows Qing Shan is here, the elder they’ve sent can definitely kill him...”

“An elder has already come here. Qing Shan is done for anyway, so I have to put on a good act before the elder. If I can be of some use, it’ll be a service of great merit...”

...

The light in the eyes of the Radiant Godkings rushing over flickered. They all had different thoughts.

But very soon, one of the groups suddenly halted. They stared straight ahead in surprise and doubt.

They could already sense a terrifying presence that was enough to give them chills approaching them at an extraordinary speed.

However, they were not unfamiliar with the owner of the presence, which made them feel shocked and fearful; the presence belonged to Qing Shan.

“Oh no, Qing Shan is coming for us...”

“Where is the elder who fought against Qing Shan? Why can’t I sense his presence...”

“The elder’s presence has vanished. Oh no, run. Run quick...”

The Radiant Godkings paled as fear filled their faces. They fled in the other direction as quickly as they could.

Behind them, Qing Shan pursued with cold eyes as his lips curled into a scornful smile. He moved extremely quickly, enough to cross a thousand kilometres in a single instance. He had completely surpassed the Radiant Godkings who had unleashed their full speed. Very soon, he caught up with a Radiant Godking and struck out firmly. He was vicious and merciless, killing the Radiant Godking in a single strike.

He did not stop for a single moment, continuing to hunt down the remaining Godkings.

At the same time, the peaceful space several million kilometres away on a mountain suddenly rippled. Jian Chen silently appeared there with the unconscious Donglin Yanxue in his arms.

After several short-distance teleportations, Jian Chen had traveled far away from where he fought Qing Shan. He stared into the distance as he carried Donglin Yanxue; it was like he could see where Qing Shan was. The light in his eyes flickered, and after hesitating slightly, he no longer remained where he was. He continued to fly towards the distance.

“Mmm...” At this moment, a rather pained groan rang out from between Jian Chen’s arms. Donglin Yanxue had woken up slowly. She opened her eyes weakly, and when she saw Jian Chen’s face, she immediately became confused.

Jian Chen slowed down right away, maintaining the speed that belonged to a Radiant Saint Master with a one-colored soulcore. He crossed the mountains as he ran along the ground with Donglin Yanxue in his arms. He asked, “You’ve woken up?”

Donglin Yanxue’s mind cleared up very soon. She immediately sensed that she was in Jian Chen’s arms, which made her blush in embarrassment.

But in the next moment, she suddenly thought of something and studied the surroundings with shining eyes. She asked nervously, “Where’s Qing Shan? Didn’t he kill us? How did we escape?”

Jian Chen chuckled and replied, “We were lucky. Just when Qing Shan wanted to kill us, a vicious beast suddenly appeared. The vicious beast seemed to have grievances with Qing Shan, so it engaged in a great battle with him. As for me, I carried you and fled during the mess and fortunately escaped the disaster.”

Donglin Yanxue firmly believed Jian Chen’s words. Feeling fortunate, she said, “The vicious beast should have been a peak Godking, or it would not have been Qing Shan’s opponent. That really was close. If it weren’t for the vicious beast, we definitely would not have been able to survive until now.”

When she reached there, Donglin Yanxue suddenly realised that Jian Chen was still carrying her. She immediately blushed and she said softly, “Chang Yang, let me down.”

Jian Chen paused. He lowered his head and looked at Donglin Yanxue. He said sternly, “You’re heavily injured. You might not be able to travel alone. Are you certain that you want me to let you down?”

Donglin Yanxue did not dare to make eye contact with Jian Chen. She nodded with a blushing face.

“Alright. However, you need to know that we’re technically still close to Qing Shan. We can’t stay here in case he comes in pursuit,” said Jian Chen. He used one hand to support Donglin Yanxue’s waist. He steadied her as he gently placed her on the ground.

Feeling Jian Chen’s thick, powerful arm, Donglin Yanxue’s heart immediately became a mess. Her heart began to beat uncontrollably as her blushed face grew even redder.

Donglin Yanxue struggled to her feet, but right after she took a small step, she could not help but yelp in pain. She staggered and almost fell over.

She had endured a strike from Qing Shan. Even though a formation had blocked the attack, so not even one hundredth of the original attack struck her, she was still severely injured. She could not even walk.

Jian Chen’s hands moved quickly. He took a step forward to support Donglin Yanxue as he said helplessly, “You can’t even stand right now. It’s impossible for you to cover ground alone. Let me carry you.”

Donglin Yanxue’s eyes dodged Jian Chen’s gaze. She did not dare to make eye contact. She gritted her teeth as she faced an internal dilemma.

In the end, perhaps she understood that she was unable to travel alone in her current state and that if she kept wasting time, it was extremely likely for Qing Shan to find them. With no other choice, she agreed to Jian Chen's suggestion.

Chapter 2307: A Change in Attitude

Compared to Donglin Yanxue, who had become embarrassed like a young lady, Jian Chen was extremely calm. His breathing was steady, and his mind was at ease.

He slid his left hand under Donglin Yanxue's arms, allowing her shoulder blades to rest on them while he placed his right arm under her knees. With a little power, he lifted up Donglin Yanxue's hourglass figure again.

Donglin Yanxue immediately stiffened. Although she had cultivated for quite a long time now, her mental state was still of a young lady around twenty years old. Even just making contact with men with her hands made her blush, let alone being carried by one.

As a result, Donglin Yanxue's face and ears glowed bright red. Since Jian Chen was holding her so close, her head was basically pressed against Jian Chen's chest. She could even smell the unique scent of a man from Jian Chen's body.

In that moment, Donglin Yanxue only felt dizzy as her head blanked out.

Jian Chen remained at ease. He condensed a pair of wings from Radiant Saint Force on his back, and as they flapped, he flew along the ground with Donglin Yanxue. He only demonstrated the abilities that a Radiant Saint Master with a one-colored soulcore should possess.

"I hope Qing Shan doesn't come soon, or I'll probably have to expose myself before Donglin Yanxue." Even though he had a beauty in his arms, Jian Chen did not think too much about it. He only prayed inside with some worry.

Donglin Yanxue played a direct role in whether he could enter the Tower of Radiance or not, so she could not die here.

However, Donglin Yanxue was already heavily injured now. She could not even perform simple actions, so if Qing Shan really came in pursuit at a time like this, she definitely would not be able to endure a single strike from him. Jian Chen would have to stand forward.

However, Donglin Yanxue had woken up now. If he revealed his strength before Donglin Yanxue, he would definitely be exposed.

As a result, Qing Shan following him was the thing that worried Jian Chen the most right now.

Donglin Yanxue gradually calmed down as Jian Chen carried her. Even though she was very reluctant about the entire matter, she knew that she could change nothing. As a result, she could only slowly accept the reality of Jian Chen carrying her.

Donglin Yanxue studied Jian Chen silently. When she discovered he was only focusing on covering ground and had no other thoughts, her opinion of Jian Chen changed slightly once again.

“Although he became my protector with the intention of getting close to me, at least he isn’t like the eight protectors, abandoning me when I face death. When I was injured by Qing Shan and fell unconscious, he didn’t abandon me and flee all by himself either...” Donglin Yanxue thought. Unbeknownst to even Donglin Yanxue herself, her impression of Jian Chen had improved.

Even her opposition to Jian Chen carrying her was reduced.

At this moment, Donglin Yanxue sniffed Jian Chen’s chest firmly, and she immediately became surprised. She thought, “There’s the smell of blood.” Afterwards, for some reason, she unexpectedly pulled apart the clothing on Jian Chen’s chest. Immediately, a few hideous wounds appeared.

Jian Chen naturally received some injuries during his fight against Qing Shan. Some of the wounds had completely recovered under the powerful regeneration of the Chaotic Body, without even leaving a scar behind. However, some of the heavier wounds had not closed up completely due to the limited time.

Although he had changed into a set of clean clothes as quickly as he could, he was unable to wash away the smell of blood on him. In the end, Donglin Yanxue smelt it and found the wounds immediately.

“You’re injured?” Donglin Yanxue’s expression changed as she looked at the hideous injuries.

“It’s only some small injuries. It’s nothing,” Jian Chen said uncaringly, but he groaned inside. He had never thought Donglin Yanxue would suddenly act like a completely different person, pulling apart his clothes boldly to reveal his wounds.

The Donglin Yanxue he knew was not like that.

“Does it hurt?” Donglin Yanxue looked at the wounds with mixed feelings as she asked softly.

He was clearly injured, yet he still acted like he was fine, carrying her so that they could keep travelling. In that moment, Donglin Yanxue had become deeply touched.

Jian Chen halted. He lowered his head and stared at Donglin Yanxue strangely. Since when did Donglin Yanxue start caring for him?

Donglin Yanxue also noticed that she seemed to be caring too much when she sensed Jian Chen’s strange gaze. Her face reddened slightly, and she covered up the wounds on Jian Chen’s chest again. She said gently, “What’re you staring for? Hurry up and keep moving. If Qing Shan catches up, neither of us will be left alive.”

A while later, Donglin Yanxue could not help but ask, “Why don’t we stop for a while and treat your wounds so that they won’t worsen over time?”

“They’re only superficial. They won’t cause any problems.”

Afterwards, the two of them said nothing more. Jian Chen unleashed the greatest speed possible given his one-colored soulcore, travelling for three days and three nights without resting at all with Donglin Yanxue. Only then did he act like he was exhausted, stopping in an extremely well-hidden cave.

After all, the strength from a one-colored soulcore was extremely limited. A Radiant Saint Master with a one-colored soulcore would have reached their limits long ago after travelling for three days and three

nights at such speeds. If he continued to travel, he would reveal inconsistencies in his identity very easily. As a result, he had to stop.

The gloomy cave was quiet. A fist-sized luminous pearl was wedged in the ceiling, providing limited light. Under the dim light, Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue could just barely make out each other.

The two of them sat separately. Jian Chen had already closed his eyes to heal his wounds with Radiant Saint Force.

In reality, he had already made a full recovery with his Chaotic Body. He only used Radiant Saint Force as an act for Donglin Yanxue to see so that he could have a reasonable excuse for his recovered wounds.

Before him, Donglin Yanxue sat on the ground while she hugged her knees. She stared at Jian Chen with mixed feelings all the way until he recovered.

“Have you healed?” Opening his eyes, Jian Chen looked at Donglin Yanxue and asked despite knowing the answer.

Donglin Yanxue was gloomy. She said helplessly, “My soul has injured by Martial Soul Force. I can’t use Radiant Saint Force. There is even a sliver of Martial Soul Force deposited in my body. Although I’ve suppressed it with pills, it prevents me from healing as well. I won’t be able to recover as long as the Martial Soul Force remains.”

“But in this World of Moon and Star, there’s no one else who can help me purge this strand of Martial Soul Force apart from Qing Shan, so it looks like I can only recover once I leave the World of Moon and Star and return to the sacred hall.”

Chapter 2308: The Strange Mist

“In other words, I can only carry you with me for the next few days,” Jian Chen stared at Donglin Yanxue after he heard that as he seemed to smile.

Naturally, he knew about Donglin Yanxue’s condition. When Qing Shan injured her, slivers of weak Martial Soul Force were deposited in her body, preventing her from healing.

Although he could easily purge the Martial Soul Force with his abilities, he would never do something like that, as it would lead to him facing the risk of exposure.

After all, he was playing the role of a Radiant Saint Master with a one-colored soulcore right now. A Radiant Saint Master like that definitely lacked such ability.

Donglin Yanxue’s face reddened slightly in response to Jian Chen’s mockery-like words. She lowered her head and remained silent.

She also understood that while she was injured, she could not travel alone. She really did have to rely on Jian Chen during the remaining time in the World of Moon and Star.

After a while of thought, Donglin Yanxue said gently, “We don’t know where elder He Tian is. He has probably met his end. The World of Moon and Star has already become a place where Qing Shan can rampage about recklessly, so we’ll probably face Qing Shan’s pursuit in the next few days. With our strength, we’ll be done for if Qing Shan finds us.”

“The World of Moon and Star has only just been opened. Unless we can get the elders outside to realise what has happened in here, we will have to wait out the entire year. I just wonder how long we will last,” Donglin Yanxue sighed gently as she seemed worried. The current situation was already dire straits in her eyes. She basically saw no hope of surviving.

Her trip in the World of Moon and Star should have been extremely safe since she was a candidate. After all, even if she came across extremely powerful vicious beasts, they could be easily slain by the nine protectors. If that did not work, she could just retreat. She only needed to look for Radiant Saint Pearls without worrying about anything else.

However, Qing Shan’s sudden intrusion had completely messed up the trial. Not only did her eight protectors abandon her to flee for their own lives, but she even faced the nightmare of being killed off by Qing Shan at any time.

Moreover, many hidden vicious beasts roamed the World of Moon and Star. Some of the more powerful ones even possessed battle prowess enough to rival peak Godkings.

And beside her, there was only the one-colored soulcore Chang Yang. He was basically useless with such puny cultivation. He would not be able to deal with any vicious beast that appeared, causing Donglin Yanxue to feel despair.

“Don’t be too pessimistic. Aren’t you still alive right now?” Jian Chen comforted. When he saw Donglin Yanxue’s despair, he sighed inside and continued, “Don’t worry. The other Hallowed Saint Masters in the World of Moon and Star may die, but we will definitely leave here alive.”

Clearly, Jian Chen’s comforting was useless. Donglin Yanxue did not take his words to heart at all. What could a Radiant Saint Master with a one-colored soulcore do in the World of Moon and Star?

Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue did not remain there for long. Very soon, he picked up Donglin Yanxue and continued moving. He condensed a pair of Radiant Wings and hurried off with the greatest speed he could unleash given his one-colored soulcore, flying into the depths of the World of Moon and Star.

Jian Chen sensed the presence of many vicious beasts along the way. All of them were basically at Godhood with very few below.

Under Jian Chen’s efforts, they avoided all the vicious beasts along the way easily. Moreover, to ensure that none of the vicious beasts would come to attack them, he expanded the senses of his soul constantly, observing the movements of the vicious beasts.

The senses of his soul were so powerful that it was greater than all of the Radiant Godkings who had entered the World of Moon and Star. As a result, none of the vicious beasts were able to hide from him, including the peak Godking existences.

As a result, they never encountered even a single vicious beast as Jian Chen covered ground with Donglin Yanxue.

“There’s another Radiant Origin Pearl. That’s the sixth Radiant Origin Pearl I’ve come across. It’s just a pity that the Radiant Origin Pearls are protected by vicious beasts. Even the weakest have battle prowess equivalent to Overgods, so I can’t collect them while Donglin Yanxue is watching,” Jian Chen

glanced to the left casually. A hundred kilometres in that direction, a Radiant Origin Pearl had been hidden within a gloomy cave. A huge ape over ten metres tall played around with the pearl as it glowed.

At this moment, Jian Chen came to a sudden halt. He stared before him with shining eyes as he gradually became stern.

A thick layer of white mist that stretched from the ground into the sky filled the distant horizon. At this moment, the white mist moved towards Jian Chen's location at an extremely rapid rate.

The rolling white mist basically joined the earth with the sky. It seemed like a boundless screen, silently making its way over strangely like a group of ghosts.

At the same time, roars suddenly rang out around Jian Chen. They were filled with fear and great unease.

The senses of Jian Chen's soul burst out and enveloped a range of several million kilometres in a single instance. He could clearly see the vicious beasts constantly bellowing out in fear. They all left their territories and ran in the direction opposite to the mist.

Even the huge ape that played around with the Radiant Origin Pearl a hundred kilometres from Jian Chen growled, tossing the pearl aside and fleeing from its territory suddenly. It ran off into the distance.

In that moment, Jian Chen could clearly feel the ground tremble. This was caused by the frantic flight of the colossal beasts. These vicious beasts seemed to be afraid of the incoming mist. They all abandoned their territories and fled for their lives.

"What's happening?" Donglin Yanxue, who was in Jian Chen's arms, also discovered something was off. She studied the surroundings, and in the end, she saw the mist. She became uneasy.

"The white mist up ahead is extremely strange," said Jian Chen. He stared at the white mist and gradually became stern. The senses of his soul were unable to pierce the mist.

"What is the white mist? It's actually causing unease in so many vicious beasts. Oh no, the strange mist is approaching us," Donglin Yanxue became extremely grim. Before they had come here, the elders had never mentioned anything regarding white mist at all. As a result, she had no idea what this phenomenon was.

"Chang Yang, what should we do now?" Donglin Yanxue had no idea what to do. Since she was born into a large clan, she had basically grown up under the care and protection of her seniors. She had never faced a dire situation alone, so she immediately became flustered now that she faced danger.

However, when she saw Jian Chen's calm, unflustered face, her heart actually calmed down slightly for some reason.

The light in Jian Chen's eyes flickered as he stared at the shrouding mist up ahead. He said, "The mist covers far too great of an area, and it moves extremely quickly. It's impossible for us to make our way around it with the time remaining. As a result, only two options remain for us. Apart from retreating back the way we came, we can only charge into the mist."

"It's extremely likely for us to encounter Qing Shan if we retreat, so we can only charge through the mist."

Jian Chen made up his mind quickly, and in the next moment, he carried Donglin Yanxue and charged into the mist without a second thought.

Chapter 2309: The Ancient Mysterious Hall

It sure was a coincidence. Just when Jian Chen entered the mist with Donglin Yanxue, the mist gradually slowed down, coming to a complete halt. It stopped spreading forwards.

Afterwards, the strange mist that seemed to link the ground and the sky gradually thinned out. It became fainter and fainter to the point where even the region engulfed by the mist became visible.

Finally, in under a minute, the strange mist that had silently appeared vanished from the World of Moon and Star completely. The surroundings completely cleared up.

Strangely, Jian Chen and Donglin Yanxue had completely vanished after charging into the mist. They were gone.

Jian Chen experienced a strange feeling the instance he stepped into the mist. He felt like he had left the World of Moon and Star, entering a different world.

Of course, he only experienced that for a split second before dismissing it. He began to study the mist.

Jian Chen's gaze was piercing. Like a pair of lanterns, they shone brightly as he looked around.

However, he discovered very soon that he was actually unable to see through the mist with his vision.

The mist was extremely strange. It seemed to possess a mysterious power where even Jian Chen struggled to see further than a metre.

It had to be mentioned that in the World of Moon and Star, he could clearly see everything within a million kilometres.

However, his vision was limited to a metre here.

That was not all. Even the senses of his soul had been rendered useless in the mist. Once it left his body, it stopped working.

At this moment, Jian Chen was no different from a blind man.

"Chang Yang, I can't see anything here at all," Donglin Yanxue's rather flustered and uneasy voice rang out.

Jian Chen, on the other hand, immediately felt a strange feeling from his neck. Donglin Yanxue had already wrapped her hands around it tightly.

Jian Chen could even sense Donglin Yanxue's uneasiness through her hands.

"The mist is strange. I can't see anything either," Jian Chen said with composure. He was filled with caution.

Since the appearance of the mist could unsettle all the vicious beasts in the World of Moon and Star, it meant that the mist definitely was not as peaceful as it seemed on the surface. Some kind of fatal danger was definitely hidden within it.

However, Jian Chen showed no fear. Barely anything could threaten him in the World of Moon and Star given his strength. Even if he encountered danger that he could not handle, he still had the Anatta Tower as a trump card.

Jian Chen held Donglin Yanxue as he traveled in a straight line based off instinct alone. He lost sense of time and direction. He even lost sense of distance.

He had no idea how long he had been walking through the mist, nor did he know how far he had traveled. The expected dangers did not appear, and their journey was surprisingly smooth.

At this moment, a faint, azure light appeared up ahead in the hazy mist.

Jian Chen's eyes immediately narrowed. The faint, azure light was eye-catching and attention-grabbing in the snow-white mist. It caught his attention immediately.

Jian Chen hesitated slightly before speeding up. He was traveling towards the azure light.

As Jian Chen rapidly drew closer, the azure light became more and more resplendent. In that moment, it seemed like a lighthouse in the dark, directing Jian Chen.

In the end, Jian Chen charged out of the mist under the guidance of the azure light, and the landscape around him immediately cleared up.

A majestic, ancient divine hall made out of rusted bronze lay before him like a primordial beast. It stood there quietly.

The entire bronze divine hall bore the presence of age as if it had existed for countless years.

The bronze divine hall stood within the hazy mist. The azure light that it shone with seemed to possess a mysterious power, purging the mist from its surroundings.

"I never thought there would be such a place hiding within the World of Moon and Star," Jian Chen stared at the divine hall in a daze. After a while of thought, he asked, "Donglin Yanxue, with your status in the Radiant Saint Hall, have you heard anything about this bronze divine hall before?"

He did not receive a response. When he lowered his head, he discovered that Donglin Yanxue's eyes were closed. She had fainted some time ago.

Jian Chen raised his hand and glanced at the bronze divine hall before looking at the rolling mist behind him. He frowned slightly.

If he returned the way he came from now, he would probably get lost in the mist because he had no sense of direction when he was in it. He would not be able to find his way out.

As a result, he could only advance forwards now.

Making up his mind, Jian Chen immediately carried the unconscious Donglin Yanxue onwards, approaching the bronze divine hall.

When he climbed the long flight of stairs and stood before the door that was hundreds of metres tall, it produced a deep rumble and slowly opened.

Immediately, a desolate, primal presence gushed out from the divine hall as a refreshing gust of wind.

Jian Chen could not help but close his eyes and submerge himself within it. Under the surge of the presence, he felt as if he had experienced an indefinite amount of time. It was like countless years had passed in an instance.

A while later, when he opened his eyes and looked at the gaping door into the bronze divine hall, his eyes immediately deepened.

The bronze divine hall of mysterious origins and unknown age had actually opened its door by itself. He could sense that he did not come here coincidentally. The master of the bronze divine hall made all of this happen.

Jian Chen stood in the doorway. After hesitating slightly, he stepped in.

Boom!

The door slammed shut heavily after he entered the bronze divine hall.

Jian Chen carried Donglin Yanxue as he stood there. He remained calm as he said clearly to the empty room, "Senior, please show yourself. Why have you led me here?"

With that, strands of azure light condensed before him, gradually forming an old man.

He was illusionary and completely condensed from light. He did not have a physical body.

Jian Chen's heart jumped the moment the old man appeared. He could clearly sense that the slumbering sword spirits were actually beginning to awaken slowly.

Chapter 2310: Primeval Qi

Jian Chen was overjoyed by the awakening of the sword spirits. Ever since he assisted Mo Tianyun's original body in breaking free and fused the twin swords, the sword spirits had fallen into a slumber due to overexertion. No matter how he called them during this time, he had received no response at all.

Now that the sword spirits were finally beginning to awaken, Jian Chen would obviously be delighted.

But at the same time, he realised that the old man before him was not simple. He had a vague feeling that the sword spirits only began to awaken because of this old man.

The sword spirits appeared above Jian Chen's head as two young people completely condensed from light. The man was handsome, while the woman was pretty. They seemed like a matching pair.

They stared at the old man condensed from azure light, and they gradually became stern. They called out, "Primeval Qi. I never thought we would see a spirit transformed from a strand of Primeval Qi."

Jian Chen was surprised. He could not help but study the old man closely. Even though he did not really understand what Primeval Qi was, he had somewhat realised that the old man was an existence similar to the sword spirits.

The old man stared at the sword spirits with mixed feelings and sighed in amazement, "Spirits formed from yin Qi and yang Qi. I never thought that after so many years, I would be able to meet existences similar to me in this cursed land. But it seems like you're extremely weak."

"Old senior, are you the hall spirit of this divine hall?" Jian Chen could not contain his curiosity and asked for confirmation.

The old man looked at Jian Chen and nodded, "That's right. I'm the hall spirit."

"Then may I ask where the master of this divine hall is?" Jian Chen continued his questions.

The old man sighed gently as he became slightly dispirited. He said glumly, "Master has already passed away in the flow of time. He isn't from this aeon."

The eyes of the sword spirits lit up when they heard that. They asked, "You're from the previous aeon?"

The old man shook his head again and replied, "It should be the aeon before that if you want to be more accurate."

"The aeon before that?" The sword spirits were surprised. They looked at the old man deeply and said, "Since you've existed for so long, why haven't there been any rumors regarding you in the outside world?"

"That's because I'm trapped here. I can't leave, and no one knows about this place either. Obviously, there will be no news about me at all in the outside world," said the old man. He glanced at Jian Chen and the sword spirits deeply and continued, "You're the first group of living souls I've seen in the countless years since my master passed away as well as the first living creatures to set foot in this cursed land."

"Cursed land? Why is this place referred to as a cursed land? And what's with the mist outside? Is the mist responsible for trapping you here?" Jian Chen asked.

"Nay. The mist you see is not what traps me. Instead, it is a wondrous power that was created by the fusion of the power of the curse and the power of the Primeval Divine Hall. In regards to the cursed land, the World of Moon and Star you were in before and where the Primeval Divine Hall stands all belong to it."

"The curse came from the Dao Union Saint. It has already fused with the surroundings, combining with the world and basically creating a new type of law. It's omnipresent. You can't sense its existence with your current level of cultivation."

"It's also because of this curse that I can't leave this place. Even the past territory of my master, the Saint of Grand Clarity, has been severely damaged. It's called the World of Grand Clarity, which is also the current World of Moon and Star."

The old man said slowly.

"So the World of Moon and Star used to be called the World of Grand Clarity. Since the mist is power from the Primeval Divine Hall, and you're the artifact spirit of the Primeval Divine Hall, the mist must be under your control. The reason why I can come here is because of your guidance. May I ask what intentions you have for getting me here?" Jian Chen asked.

“It’s because I can sense a droplet of a Saint’s essence blood within your body. Most importantly, your body contains two strands of yin and yang Qi that exist like me. It’s exactly because of them that I made you come here.”

“A Saint’s essence blood? Are you referring to this?” Jian Chen was puzzled. He pointed at where the ancient Skywolf’s essence blood in his body was located.

“That’s right. That’s a Saint’s essence blood. The owner of the essence blood was the most powerful Saint during my master’s aeon. Of course, Saints may have another name in your aeon,” said the artifact spirit.

Jian Chen finally understood when he heard that. Saints were actually the current Grand Exalts.

“The Dao Union Saint’s curse is no longer as powerful as before after the passing of two aeons. However, in order for me to break free, I still need ten droplets of a Saint’s essence blood. If you can collect those ten droplets for me and free me, I’ll bestow a strand of Primeval Qi to you.”

“Primeval Qi is a type of power that came into existence with chaos. It’s second to Chaotic Force in terms of quality and is at the same level as your yin Qi and yang Qi, but it does contain other mysteries to it. I think you know exactly how much it can benefit you.”

“You will definitely be getting the better end of the deal by exchanging it for ten droplets of a Saint’s blood. It’s actually a huge fortuitous encounter for you,” the hall spirit said to the sword spirits. What he truly focused on were the sword spirits who were a similar existence to him. He did not place much attention on Jian Chen.

Even though Jian Chen possessed a droplet of a Saint’s essence blood, he also knew that Jian Chen had only obtained it through luck, and there was only one drop of it.

However, most of the power within the Saint’s essence blood had leaked away, so it was not very useful to him at all.

The sword spirits’ eyes immediately lit up with desire, something they rarely showed, when they heard the hall spirit’s offer of a strand of Primeval Qi.

But very soon, they calmed down. The burning desire within their eyes vanished, and they sighed in pity, “Collecting ten droplets of essence blood from Grand Exalts is just too difficult. After all, this essence blood isn’t regular blood.”

“Let alone essence blood, even the regular blood of Grand Exalt is basically impossible to obtain unless we return to that age when our old master stood supreme,” Qing Suo also sighed.

“Zi Ying, Qing Suo, what are the uses of Primeval Qi to you?” Jian Chen could not help but ask when he saw the sword spirits desire it so badly.