

## Chaotic 231

### Chapter 231: The Sighting

“What? A Class 5 Magical Beast?” The sudden news instantly broke the silence in the meeting room. Immediately, Yun Li’s face paled as he stood up from his chair. With a single stride he reached the soldier and grabbed onto his clothes with both hands and a look of disbelief, “What did you say, did you really see a Class 5 Magical Beast?” Yun Li’s words were practically shouts by this point.

“Ye-yes my lord, We came across a Class 5 Magical Beast in the Magical Beast Mountain Range.” The soldier’s voice began to tremble as his face drained with color.

Even Jian Chen’s face had hardened as he heard the words of a Class 5 Magical Beast being sighted. A Class 5 Magical Beast rivalled an Earth Saint Master in strength, but they had a natural superiority over humans and could easily fight against them. Unless a person had an extremely strong battle skill, they definitely wouldn’t be considered an opponent for a Class 5 Magical Beast. Besides, Wake City wasn’t a city where many Earth Saint Masters came to visit, making a Class 5 Magical Beast almost a paragon without a rival existence to them.

A Class 5 Magical Beast was to an Earth Saint Master what a Class 4 Magical Beast was to a Great Saint Master. There was a clear divide between the two almost as wide as the heavens and earth. In comparison, a Great Saint Master’s strength compared to an Earth Saint Master was like watching a Primary Saint who had just condensed his Saint Weapon fight against a Peak Great Saint. It would be a definite failure for the lower ranking Saint and would be impossible for them to win.

Although Jian Chen had previously killed two Class 5 Magical Beasts in the Magical Beast Mountain Range, that was when both magical beasts were in a severely injured state where they couldn’t even stand up. Their lives were hanging by a thread, but even then, he had paid a hefty price for killing the two of them.

Jian Chen had no doubts that a Class 5 Magical Beast in an optimal state was far stronger than the Earth Saint Master who had chased him from Phoenix City. However, the appearance of a Class 5 Magical Beast only made him feel much greater pressure. That was because he had the azure and violet Sword Spirits to assist him and increase his strength several times over. He was confident that his power was enough to punish a peak Class 5 Magical Beast with his sword, as long as he didn’t encounter any bizarre existences like the Silver Striped Golden Snake.

“Oh no, things are getting worse now that a Class 5 Magical Beast was seen.” Yun Li spoke with a hardened face. His eyebrows furrowed together in thought before finally muttering, “No, this won’t do. Our Wake City is too weak to defend against the attack of a Class 5 Magical Beast. I must ask a King City immediately, otherwise Wake City will suffer tremendous damages.”

Up to now, there was no hesitation from Yun Li as he immediately strode outside without even looking back at Jian Chen. A Class 5 Magical Beast was definitely a fatal enemy to Wake City’s existence and could not be taken lightly. So, this matter had to be the first thing resolved and have some high leveled experts come deal with the Class 5 Magical Beast straight away.

Lord Yun Li exited the room and went to his study where he grabbed a brush and paper to immediately start writing a message on it. After he was done, he immediately rolled it up into a cylinder and tied it with a piece of string.

“Bring the fastest messenger bird we have to bring this to Monarch City’s lord immediately!”

“Yes my lord!” Immediately a soldier came in and quickly took the letter before leaving the room once more.

“This is an order, from this moment on, the appearance of a Class 5 Magical Beast will be kept a secret from everyone. And in the meanwhile, do not travel out by yourself and bring the leader of the Wake City’s Mercenary Union branch here. Finally, keep a close eye out on the activity of the Magical Beast Mountain Range.” Yun Li commanded to every guard he had before striding away.

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The news of a Class 5 Magical Beast appearing had stunned everyone who had initially heard the report, but Yun Li had no intentions of announcing this to the public. He was afraid if that happened, then many people would be too intimidated by the beast and decide to leave Wake City in order to save their own necks. If this happened, then Wake City’s defensive strength would plummet to the point where the city would eventually be flooded with magical beasts.

Right now, Yun Li had only one hope. He could only hope that a few experts would come help with this Class 5 Magical Beast. In this case, then the Class 5 Magical Beast would be able to be defended against and they could avoid disastrous losses.

Jian Chen left the lord’s mansion by himself in thought. Although a Class 5 Magical Beast gave him plenty of pressure, it didn’t affect him too much. In fact, he had secretly wanted/awaited for one to come. Since his azure and violet Sword Qi was able to shred through the defenses of a warbeast that was reputed to have the same level of defensive power as an Earth Saint Master as if it was tofu, it could be seen clearly that the azure and violet Sword Qi were insanely powerful. If it was that effective on a warbeast, then what type of result would it have on a Class 5 Magical Beast?

Following the route he had memorized back to the Kai clan, he quickly entered the courtyard Kai Er had allocated for the Flame Mercenaries to live in temporarily.

The Kai clan was a thirty year old clan and so the information it had collected on others couldn’t compare to the Zhou clan. Thus, the guards of the clan only numbered around a hundred. Under the supervision of the armored Kai Er, another group of guards would patrol around the Flame Mercenaries’ courtyard.

This was a standard four sided courtyard with three sides being a residential area and the last side being the front gate. In the middle there was a large patch of grass where a few dozen Flame Mercenaries sat in small groups and chatted among each other.

The moment Jian Chen had arrived, everyone in the vicinity snapped their mouths shut and immediately stood up to greet him with shouts of “Captain!”.

Staring impassively around himself, he spoke, “Seth, Duo Kang, Charcas, Mo Tian, and Qingfeng, have the five returned yet?”

“Captain, those five haven’t come back yet. I think they’re dealing with their own mercenary groups.” A thirty year old mercenary responded.

Suddenly, a voice called out behind him as a servant of the Kai clan suddenly came running towards Jian Chen. There was a fearful tint in his eyes as he approached before stopping right in front of Jian Chen. “My lord, the Golden Dragon Mercenaries and Charcas Mercenaries...”

Before the servant had even finished speaking, Kai Er waved his hand, “I know already, you may go.”

“Yes my lord.”

Jian Chen smiled at the servant before turning to Kai Er, “Everyone stay here for now. Kai Er, accompany me to see just what surprise the five of them have brought me.”

Chapter 232: Unsatisfied? Then Challenge Me!

Jian Chen and Kai Er walked to the front gates of the courtyard where the both of them could see the five captains standing with a large group behind them. Not a single guard by the gates had a happy expression while staring at them.

The moment Jian Chen and Kai Er walked out to the gates, every single person standing behind Seth’s mercenary group suddenly began to emit a faint aura of blood lust. This was something only those truly baptized in the waters of death could prepare themselves for. In front of this amassed group of blood lust, only those with a strong will would be able to approach.

“Captain!”

“Captain!”

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Upon seeing Jian Chen, Seth, Duo Kang, Charcas, Mo Tian and Qingfeng cried out to him.

Straight after the five called out Jian Chen’s name, the hundred men immediately focused their glares onto Jian Chen with cold stares like ice and their blood lust matching those of a beast. However, after seeing how young Jian Chen was, a few of them couldn’t help but look on in shock.

Before they came, their captains hadn’t disclosed the matter at all to them. So they knew quite clearly that they were to follow their captains to join an even stronger mercenary group with greater potential. Switching mercenary groups wasn’t an unacceptable task to them and so they tagged along with their captains to see this group. However, they didn’t imagine that their new captain would be this young.

five mercenary groups. The men behind us are our good brothers and the cream of the crop who are willing to join the Flame Mercenaries.” Charcas pointed at the group behind him as he spoke to Jian Chen.

“There’s a total of 121 men with us here. The Hot Blooded Mercenaries have 32 men, the Gold Dragon Mercenaries have 25, the Charcas Mercenaries has 17, the Mercenaries of Slaughter have 28, and the Zephyr Mercenaries have 19 men.” Mo Tian spoke loudly.

Jian Chen looked at the hundred and a few men with a small smile and nodded. "Not bad, not bad at all. Let's talk more inside."

Afterward, Seth and the other four led the group past the gates of the Kai clan, the wide eyes of the guards and into the courtyards.

In the middle of the four sided courtyard, 170 men stood and stared evenly toward Jian Chen with expectant postures.

Staring at the men in front of him with an observant eye, he spoke out loud, "Fellow brothers, I do not care what faction or mercenary group you used to be a part of. Right now, I want to make this clear. You are all now a part of the Flame Mercenaries, a family within a family. We must work hard for the benefit of our Flame Mercenaries, but I believe that with everyone working together, our strength will grow to where we will shock the entire Tian Yuan Continent and become the number one mercenary group on the continent. This, is I, Jian Chen's goal."

After Jian Chen finished speaking, the crowd went silent for a moment before someone finally broke the silence.

"Then who is the captain of our Flame Mercenaries?" A person within the crowd asked.

Jian Chen smiled as he heard the question before answering, "From today onward, I am the captain of the Flame Mercenaries!"

"And why are you our captain?" Another unsatisfied person exclaimed.

"That's right, just what reason do you have to be our captain?"

"Kid, your hair hasn't even grown long and yet you want to be our captain, that's not an easy role to fill..."

"That's right..."

"His words are right..."

Slowly, the sounds of opposition grew louder and louder as many people began to voice their complaints. From the group Seth had brought, the vast majority of them were unhappy to hear that Jian Chen would be their captain. Although they all heard that their new captain was incredibly strong, with Jian Chen's age, how could they believe that? Jian Chen was only twenty years old at the most, just how strong could he possibly be?

In regards to the noise of the opposition, Seth and the other four chose to go silent and watch. If Jian Chen wasn't even able to resolve such a small issue like this, then how would he lead the mercenaries onto the world stage?

Jian Chen continued to smile despite the voices of resentment, he had expected this to happen. "My strength of course; is far stronger than yours. In this continent where power reigns supreme, strength is what decides everything. If you do not accept me as your leader, then come up and challenge me. Whoever can dodge my sword will be the captain that I will follow."

Jian Chen's sword in its regular speed could make a Great Saint Master flustered in three moves, and then bring them to a standstill in five moves. If he were to go all out, then even a Great Saint Master would be killed. Right in front of him were only men at the Saint Master level, there would be no way for them to dodge or even defend against his sword.

"How arrogant of you. Then allow me to come and test just how much power a wimpy kid like you has." A burly dark skinned man suddenly leapt from within the crowd and brandished his newly formed Saint Weapon in the shape of a large axe.

"Make your move then!" Jian Chen exclaimed with a smile at the man. At the same time, the silver Light Wind Sword appeared in his hand. Although the man in front of him was only a Peak Saint Master and didn't require using his sword, he had decided that for the sake of displaying his superiority, he would need to use the Light Wind Sword.

Seeing the thin sword in Jian Chen's hand, the man didn't feel threatened at all. Taking a deep breath, he began to shout before charging at Jian Chen to chop him down.

Against the incoming axe, Jian Chen didn't bother to dodge or defend at all. Suddenly, just in the moment before the axe could make contact with him, a silver flash of light came into view of the man's eye while the axe simultaneously pierced through Jian Chen's chest.

"Shua!"

From far away, the group of people gasped in surprise. They didn't think that such an arrogant person like Jian Chen was nothing more than a thin stick in the wind and had lost his life that easily.

However, the guards who had joined the Flame Mercenaries from the Tianxiong clan didn't have a change in their expression at all. They had clearly seen Jian Chen's strength for themselves, there was no way that such a simple attack like this would be able to make a claim on Jian Chen's life.

"How queer, that was actually a phantom image."

Chapter 233: The Number One Power in Wake City

"How queer, that was just a phantom image."

Following that surprised shout, Jian Chen's figure began to slowly change before disappearing into the air. Following afterward, Jian Chen suddenly appeared out of nowhere five meters away.

In that one brief moment, only the Great Saint Masters had seen Jian Chen move to make a phantom image, everyone else had been unable to register his movements.

The man who had struck at Jian Chen was shocked, but since he had been through hundreds of battles, he forced his emotions back down and tried to slash at Jian Chen once more with even more Saint Force than before. The sharp blade of the axe made a loud "Swish!" sound as it flew through the air down onto Jian Chen.

Jian Chen stood emotionlessly as he awaited for the man to reach him. The Light Wind Sword had already long disappeared from his hands, but he looked at the man and spoke gently, "You've already lost!"

The man looked at Jian Chen blankly, at Jian Chen's words, he couldn't help but to stop for a moment as he asked with a perplexed look, "I've lost? How did I lose?"

Smiling at the man's words, Jian Chen continued to look at him with a cheerful expression, "Take a look at your neck."

At this, the man touched his neck gingerly with his fingertips only to feel quite clearly a small sliver of a wound on his neck. He didn't know when that wound had appeared, but he did know that it wasn't there before. The wound had only just cut open the top most layer of his skin so that he couldn't feel any blood leaking out or even any pain.

Realizing that even though he didn't feel anything, there was still nonetheless a wound on his neck. Instantly, the man's face paled as a layer of sweat began to appear on his forehead, "Did...did you do that?" He asked astonished, The man didn't know how he wasn't even able to feel the cut when it was made or when it happened. He did know however, that if the wound was any deeper, then he wouldn't be standing alive on his feet.

Laughing, Jian Chen nodded his head, "Do you still wish to continue fighting me?"

"Da Hu, just give up, you're no match for the captain. If the captain wanted you to die, then you'd be dead where you stood." Duo Kang spoke out. In his eyes, there was a rarely seen huge amount of admiration. Although he did not use a sword, Duo Kang fully understood that Jian Chen's mastery of the sword had reached a level of perfection.

"Yes!" The man was an ex-member of the Golden Dragon Mercenaries and Duo Kang was his previous captain. The words of Duo Kang would surely be the same as imperial law to him, plus, the wound on his neck was already proof enough that if Jian Chen had wanted him dead, then he would be dead.

Jian Chen looked around at the other men, "Is there anyone else who wishes to challenge me? My words still stand, if anyone can beat me, then the captain's role will be given to them, as per my pledge."

The entire courtyard descended into a deafening silence as the previously chattering group of men stopped talking. The man that had just challenged Jian Chen was a Peak Saint Master which could be considered one of the more decent leveled expert rankings within Wake City. If an expert of that level couldn't go against Jian Chen who had only struck out once, then the vast majority of the group wouldn't be able to do any better. Therefore, the whole group began to approve of Jian Chen.

With one final look around at everyone, Jian Chen revealed a victorious smile and said, "Since no one is speaking up, then starting today, you are all members of the Flame Mercenaries, and I will be the captain. Are there any complaints?" Jian Chen exclaimed.

"I've no objections, I, Duo Kang, pledge myself to you." Duo Kang of the Golden Dragon Mercenaries declared.

"I too have no objections. I, Seth, will obey the captain's orders unconditionally!" Seth of the Hot Blooded Mercenaries followed up.

After that, the rest of the mercenaries began to pledge themselves to the Flame Mercenaries. If their old captains had acknowledged him, then naturally they would follow suit and try to appease their new captain.

Afterward, Jian Chen brought Seth, Duo Kang, Charcas, Mo Tian, Qingfeng and the rest of the mercenaries to the Mercenary Union.

As long as they were to officially join his Flame Mercenaries, they would be able to accomplish missions for the sake of the mercenary group and increase their ranking.

If Jian Chen was determined to make the Flame Mercenaries the number one mercenary group within the continent, then the mercenary rankings were unavoidable. This would have to be the first step to accomplishing Kendall's last wish.

A group of a hundred men along with five of Wake City's reputable members had quickly caused a disturbance in the streets. Each and every bystander looked on at the group with shock, and when they made out the figures of Duo Kang and the other Great Saint Masters, they couldn't help but feel excited as they talked among themselves.

Duo Kang and the other Great Saint Masters were undoubtedly the experts of Wake City. Each one of them was a leader of a hundred man strong mercenary group which could be considered quite powerful within Wake City. Although they were not seen on the streets often, since the five of them had shown their faces at the same time, such a thing would naturally cause everyone to look at them. Jian Chen leading at the front was the focal point of the attention as everyone began to wonder who he was.

The thing was, no one knew that Duo Kang and the others had already disbanded their mercenary groups.

After a long time of handling the official procedures, by the time Jian Chen and the rest walked out of the Mercenary Union, their statuses had already changed. From the captains of several different mercenary groups, they were now mere C ranked members.

At the same time, the Flame Mercenaries were now 600 members strong. Aside from Jian Chen, there were seven Great Saint Masters and six Saint Masters. Although this number wasn't big, they could already be considered the strongest power in Wake City. At this point, only the city lord of Wake City with his troops of 200,000 soldiers would be able to contend against the Flame Mercenaries.

Also, the news that Seth and the other four men joined an unknown mercenary group had spread like wildfire from the Mercenary Union. In a flash, this piece of information had caused the entirety of Wake City to be shocked. As for the never before heard of Flame Mercenaries, their name had quickly made its way around the entire city.

Jian Chen hadn't cared at all when the whole of Wake City went into an uproar over this sudden development, since he had long since anticipated a reaction like this.

After the procedures were done, Jian Chen and the group had immediately returned back to the Kai clan's courtyards.

In the expansive courtyard, everyone was sitting down as Jian Chen began to explain a few things. Holding a Space Belt, he held it towards Kai Er and said, "There's a few monster cores inside, distribute a

few to everyone and cancel any activities for now. Have everyone carefully increase their strength and make sure they are at their optimal state for the magical beast wave.”

Kai Er took the Space Belt from Jian Chen and proceeded to distribute the inside items to everyone.

Jian Chen then took out seven fist sized Class 4 Monster Cores and proceeded to hand it over to the Great Saint Masters. “For the next two days you will all also improve your own strength. However much you increase is however much you’ll need. This next magical beast wave will have a Class 5 Magical Beast.”

The Great Saint Masters took the Class 4 Monster Cores, but the moment they heard the news of a Class 5 Magical Beast, Charcas couldn’t help but gasp, “What? There’s going to be a Class 5 Magical Beast?”

Jian Chen nodded his head seriously, “That’s right, there will be a Class 5 Magical Beast. It would seem that this magical beast wave won’t be as easy to defend this time.”

Everyone looked at Jian Chen with a serious expression as they digested his words, some had even gone deathly pale at the very mention of a Class 5 Magical Beast.

“Captain, a Class 5 Magical Beast is indeed hard to defend against. I’m afraid that this time Wake City will have a disaster, I can’t even say that Wake City will be able to be saved this time. I suggest that we immediately leave the city.” A petite looking man spoke with a tremble in his voice. The threat of a Class 5 Magical Beast had left a fearful effect on his heart.

Hearing this, Jian Chen furrowed his eyebrows and spoke, “What are you afraid of? It’s not as if the heavens are crashing down upon us. There isn’t a need for everyone to worry about this Class 5 Magical Beast, I will find a way to deal with it.”

Jian Chen’s confident words made everyone look at him in astonishment; some even stared at him in disbelief. Jian Chen’s words had made everyone think that Jian Chen was going to reveal his strength or that he had a way to deal with the magical beast. Even then, because of his age, some people were still very skeptical of his strength. So because of that, someone couldn’t help but wonder, “Could it be that he began to cultivate from within the womb?”

The Flame Mercenaries still couldn’t help but feel shocked for a moment before becoming extremely excited. An Earth Saint Master was undoubtedly one of the higher level experts of the Tian Yuan Continent. For them to have an expert of the Earth Saint Master level within their mercenary group, caused every person to have the same thought: if they were to stay in this mercenary group, then they would definitely be able to achieve success without too much effort.

Even the Great Saint Masters had a relieved look on their faces. It was no wonder that Jian Chen was able to fight against nine Great Saint Masters without any trouble before finally killing two of them with ease. This would be no problem for an Earth Saint Master.

Jian Chen didn’t care for their reactions as he waved his hand, “Go ahead and split for now. Carefully improve your own strength so that your chances of surviving the magical beast wave invasion will be increased.”

Chapter 234: Battle Skill — An Unexpected Discovery



Afterwards, Jian Chen walked to a courtyard that the Kai clan had specifically made for him. Jian Chen sat at a table in this spacious and quiet courtyard and pulled out three Space Belts.

One of these four Space Belts was from Zhou Butong of the Zhou Clan. Two others were from Tianxiong Lie and Tianxiong Daoyun.. Back when he had left the Tianxiong clan, Jian Chen had gathered the two brothers' Space Belts. The day before, he had destroyed the Zhou clan and then immediately destroyed the even stronger Tianxiong clan so Jian Chen had spend a night recovering the Saint Force he had lost. This meant that he hadn't had any time to examine the contents within the Space Belt. He now finally had some time to spare and so he could look at Zhou Butong's Space Belt closely.

Jian Chen extended his arm to reach for the Space Belt and immediately looked at the items within. Inside the Space Belt, there was a small mountain of Class 1 and Class 2 Monster Cores; both numbering to around two hundred in quantity. By the side, there was a small pile of Class 3 Monster cores, though smaller than the mountain besides it, there were still twenty cores. Meanwhile, there were only two Class 4 Monster Cores.

Apart from that, there were four small piles of coins. Copper, silver, gold, and purple coins were all gathered in 4 neat little piles, and in Jian Chen's estimation, there was a total of 10,000 purple coins worth of money. This must have been the daily allowance for the expenditures of the Zhou clan.

Aside from this, the Space Belt had a few other things like clothes, but nothing too precious.

After that, the Space Belts of Tianxiong Lie and Tianxiong Daoyun were examined. Tianxiong Lie's Space Belt had plenty of monster cores. There were two hundred Class 1 and Class 2 Monster Cores, forty Class 3 Monster Cores and five Class 4 Monster Cores. There were 2000 purple coins and a purple card with an unknown amount of money associated with it. Tianxiong Daoyun's Space Belt on the other hand was more wretched. Aside from a hundred purple coins, there were only twelve Class 3 Monster Cores and a single Class 4 Monster Core.

After examining all three Space Belts, Jian Chen couldn't help but have a wide smile on his face. There was well over 10,000 purple coins in the three Space Belts, four hundred Class 1 and Class 2 Monster Cores, and sixty Class 3 Monster Cores. This wasn't a small amount of profit, but the most important thing was that there was a purple card with an unknown amount of money inside.

After that, Jian Chen took out the Space Ring he got from Zhou Butong from his Space Belt. This Space Ring was silver in color and had a simple decorative design that looked like something a woman might wear.

Jian Chen sized up this Space Ring in his hand for a moment before taking a peek inside. The Space Ring was a grade higher than a Space Belt in storage capacity. Its interdimensional storage was vastly incomparable to a Space Belt, and even the most expensive Space Belt could only hold a few cubic meters worth of space in storage. Although this Space Ring was not comparable in quality to the one given to him by his father, it was still fifty cubic meters large.

Within the vast storage of the Space Ring, there was a wide variety of expensive looking pottery. And in the middle, a single bookshelf with three sets of books towered over the other items. By its side, a slightly glowing purple card sat on the ground.

Jian Chen looked at the three books with a growing interest. He didn't have any hesitation and immediately looked through the books.

"A record of valuable treasures!"

Six words on the cover of the first book caught Jian Chen's eyes and they brightened from what he saw. Calming down his rapidly fluctuating emotions, Jian Chen grabbed the first book to reveal the second.

"Human Tier Battle Skill–Wind Control!"

From those words, Jian Chen's eyes dilated as his heart began to thump loudly.

"A battle skill, this is somehow a battle skill!" Jian Chen cried out in shock. He had never expected to find that Zhou Butong had been hiding a battle skill. On the Tian Yuan Continent, they were priceless treasures, and compared to the other cultivation treasures, even the lowest ranked battle skills were still priceless.

Jian Chen's eyes went back to the cover on the book as he slowly exhaled. With some disappointment, he couldn't help but mutter to himself, "Still, what a shame that this is only a Human Tier Battle Skill."

Battle skills were split into four levels. The highest was the Saint Tier, then the Heaven Tier, Earth Tier, and finally the lowest Human Tier. Within each tier, they were then classified by another three layers.

Slowly bringing his eyes away from the battle skill book, Jian Chen gazed upon the first book to see the four words Spirit of the Wind. This was a Human Tier cultivation method best suited for those with the wind Saint Force.

Shaking his head with disappointment, Jian Chen looked away from the Wind Control and Spirit of the Wind books. These items were things that many people wouldn't even be able to dream about, but to him, these were something that were of little use. When he was in Kargath Academy, he had access to even Heaven Tier cultivation methods so a Human Tier cultivation method wasn't something that could spark his interest.

Jian Chen set the treasured objects back on the table and then slowly started to read.

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Time quickly went by as two days came and went. In those two days, Jian Chen and the Flame Mercenaries were all sitting within the Kai clan courtyards cultivating in peace. The news of a Class 5 Magical Beast had brought about a large amount of pressure on them all, so everyone was trying their best to improve their strength in order to help protect themselves during the coming battle.

Also in those two days, there were a series of strange looking men caught around the courtyards. With the appearance of the Flame Mercenaries, it had peaked the attention of both big and small factions of Wake City. That was because five Great Saint Masters in a single mercenary group could be considered to be a massive amount of power with just them alone. These five Great Saint Masters were also well known in Wake City, which caused every faction in Wake City to pay attention to the Kai clan.

Even though the Zhou and Tianxiong clan had been destroyed, with the impending magical beast wave looming overhead, it had affected the entire Wake City. Aside from the major powers, practically nobody else cared about it.

During that night in the guise of the pitch darkness, a gigantic flying magical beast suddenly landed on top of the city lord's mansion. From the back of the magical beast, two figures descended.

#### Chapter 235: Senior Envoys

In the pitch dark night, a large flying magical beast suddenly descended upon the city lord's mansion. Thanks to the bright illuminations by the building, the shape of the flying magical beast could be roughly determined. It looked like an eagle with pitch black feathers and its wings spanning out to around twenty meters. On its back, two figures suddenly dropped down onto ground below with their clothes billowing in the wind.

In the courtyard, Yun Li stood by with a group of soldiers standing behind him nervously. Yet there was also an expectant look on each one of their faces.

As the flying magical beast descended, Yun Li continued to wait, but the moment it drew close, Yun Li called out to the two figures, "This one is honored to greet the envoys!"

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"Dong dong dong dong..."

In the early morning of the Kai clan's courtyards, the large knocking sounds of the door suddenly broke the early silence.

Jian Chen slowly opened his eyes as he looked toward the door, "Kai Er, come in."

With that, the doors began to creak open as the expensively robed leader of the Kai clan came walking in. Welcoming the ever so calm Jian Chen, he greeted, "Captain, lord Yun Li came by just recently and mentioned that he wanted to see you. He's currently waiting in the main halls."

Muttering to himself, Jian Chen said, "Just what does he want me now for?"

"That I do not know, but judging by his expression, it must be something serious." Kai Er replied.

"Well then, let us greet him." Jian Chen threw the two Class 3 Monster Cores in his hand and followed Kai Er out of the room.

Following Kai Er, they reached the halls of Kai clan only to see the armored Yun Li standing with a middle aged man next to him. Then, right by the middle aged man, a young woman with an appearance revealing her to be around twenty years old stood by his side.

In the last two days, Jian Chen had made sure to pay attention to each important member of the Kai clan. This middle aged man was Kai Er's son, Kai Lakh. He was forty years old this year and the twenty year old woman by his side was Kai Er's grand daughter, Kai Di.

Jian Chen recognized the person Kai Lakh was talking to was commander Duo Li, who was smiling at him.

"Captain!"

"Captain!"

Seeing Jian Chen, Kai Er's daughter Kai Di immediately rose from her chair to call out to Jian Chen.

After the Flame Mercenaries had entered the Kai clan's courtyards, Kai Er had insisted that his son and granddaughter call Jian Chen captain as well.

Although both Kai Lakh and Kai Di had first objected to it, after some words between them and Kai Er, they had finally relented to the matter.

Jian Chen nodded his head at the two as a way of greeting before turning to commander Duo Li, "Commander Duo Li, what matter might you have for me so early in the morning?"

Duo Li turned to Jian Chen with a small smile, "Brother Jian Chen, senior envoys wish to see you. If you could, would you please come with to the lord's mansion?"

"Senior envoys?" Jian Chen's eyes narrowed as he tried to figure out who exactly this senior envoys was.

Seeing Jian Chen's confusion, Duo Li explained to him, "Senior envoys is an expert from Monarch City we hired to help defend Wake City during the wave." From the word 'expert', commander Duo Li bit his lips as he stared at Jian Chen with a look of reverence.

Hearing that, Jian Chen's eyes flashed with hesitation as he spoke, "Commander Duo Li, do you know for what reason this senior envoys wishes to see me?"

"This I am not sure. Senior envoys didn't explain and I didn't dare ask." Duo Li shook his head.

Jian Chen's eyes narrowed once more as he tried to think of many different reasons, but in the end, he could only follow commander Duo Li back to the mansion.

At the lord's mansion, commander Duo Li stopped right in front of the garden before turning around to talk to Jian Chen. "Brother Jian Chen, senior envoys is awaiting for you within a pavilion further ahead. I still have some matters to attend to, so I cannot accompany you."

Nodding his head in understanding, Jian Chen looked ahead to where the garden was. Surrounding the entire place was a multitude of different types of flowers with a sweet fragrance wafting through the air. With one breath of this fragrance, one would feel that their Qi would stabilize since the amount of spiritual essence here was saturated.

Jian Chen finally stopped to look at the pavilion in the center of the garden where two expensively robed figures sat underneath drinking wine. Yun Li stood by their sides and respectfully poured some wine for them every so often with no guards in sight.

Jian Chen stared at the two rich clothed men for a moment. His mind had realized that these two were the ones that Duo Li had referred to as 'senior envoys', so without hesitation, he began to walk toward the pavilion slowly. On the way, his eyes continued to shift around from spot to spot in the garden.

The moment Jian Chen had reached the pavilion, lord Yun Li hurriedly spoke out to the two envoys, "Senior envoys, this brother here is called Jian Chen."

The two envoys looked at Jian Chen at the same time as Jian Chen looked at them. He could see that these two were around forty years old and one had a gentle disposition that would make anyone have a good feeling about them at first glance. The other's expression was the complete opposite of the other man and he had a cold expression on his face. Despite that, the two had the same type of clothing and accessories. Even more astonishing was that the two's faces were identical.

“So you’re Jian Chen!” The gentle looking figure smiled as he greeted Jian Chen.

Jian Chen cupped his hands together in greeting, “Correct, I am Jian Chen. Might this one ask what fellow brothers here want?” Jian Chen’s voice was neither disrespectful or respectful, and his posture was not improper in etiquette.

After Jian Chen finished speaking, a large amount of Qi filled the air and began to press down onto Jian Chen with a terrifying amount of pressure. Underneath, Jian Chen immediately felt that it was as if he were being weighed down by a heavy stone and found it suddenly hard to breathe.

At this sudden development, Jian Chen’s face was startled and his originally calm face gained a serious expression. There was a level of coldness as he stared at the gentle looking man who was still beaming at him. Not to be outdone, Jian Chen began to fill the air with his own Qi which immediately made contact with the one pressing against him.

“Pa!”

Following a loud bang, the previously quiet garden was suddenly engulfed in a fierce wind as the flower petals began to dance and fly into the air.

“Senior envoys!” Yun Li’s face had changed as he cried out to them in a panic.

The kind looking envoy waved his hand at Yun Li as he continued to smile at Jian Chen without speaking another word.

#### Chapter 236: The Soaring Sword Qi

Jian Chen’s Qi had interweaved with the envoy’s Qi in midair in a way reminiscent of two dangerous beasts tearing away at each other without relenting.

In contrast to where Jian Chen and the envoy were, the garden around them was assaulted by a strong gale which only grew in size with each passing moment.

The kindly envoy nodded his head with yet another smile before increasing his output even more. In a moment’s notice, the perilous situation Jian Chen was in had suddenly intensified.

Jian Chen’s face immediately hardened as he felt the Qi increase in pressure. It was only just recently that Jian Chen was fighting at an even level with the man, but straight away, Jian Chen felt as if the entire area around him had frozen and he was trapped within. Unable to break free of the restrictions, even his clothes had been tightly pressed against him due to the envoy’s Qi.

Jian Chen’s throat released a small growl as he quickly increased his own Qi. Quickly, it began to reach a peak, but the amount of Qi the other man was still controlling Jian Chen and so he was unable to break free. Despite all of his best efforts, the amount of strength being imposed onto Jian Chen was similar to being tasked with climbing an unclimbable mountain.

These two envoys were of the Earth Saint Master class while Jian Chen was only at the Primary Great Saint Master level, therefore it was impossible for him to try and compete with either of the two.

Although Jian Chen wasn’t able to move even a fraction underneath the overwhelming Qi, he was still unyielding to the man. His inner Saint Force continued to circulate as it tried to counteract the foreign Qi

surrounding him. Underneath Jian Chen's legs, the ground began to split away into several cracks. From the center of his feet, a series of spiderweb like cracks began to develop in every direction. After the stone had broke, Jian Chen was slowly starting to sink into the ground.

Seeing how the envoy from Monarch City was treating Jian Chen, Yun Li couldn't help but have an anxious look on his face from the side. In his heart, he had already been convinced that Jian Chen was the young son of an influential clan somewhere with a potential that could only be seen once every hundred years. If a youngster like him was able to reach the Great Saint Master level, then it was hard to tell exactly where his real limit was, or what heights he could reach. If this envoy were to offend Jian Chen, then he wasn't sure exactly what problem would later occur. Most importantly, if Jian Chen were to harbor a grudge after this, then a headache of a problem would definitely occur and trouble would happen.

Despite the worry on Yun Li's face, the two envoys in front of him were not people he could afford to offend. So, after a single attempt at placating the two, he didn't say anything more and in fear of angering them, he stood by the sidelines once more.

The envoy was trying to test Jian Chen's strength and so they continued to increase the pressure onto Jian Chen. At this moment, both of Jian Chen's legs were breaking through the dirt, making him sink into the ground. Jian Chen's face was incomparably white as if a heavy stone was still pressing down onto his body. Just breathing was a difficult task for him, but he continued to grit his teeth and persevere and his eyes grew colder by the second as killing intent grew with it. Clearly, the actions of this envoy had invoked Jian Chen's killing intent.

The envoy was still smiling at Jian Chen with a gentle look, almost as if he were a kindly old man looking after his domesticated livestock. However, by this point, the ever increasing amount of Qi pressing down on Jian Chen was so much he wasn't able to move even a fingernail.

"This must be the true extent of an Earth Saint Master's strength. With just his Qi, I've been unable to move; how terrifying! I can't even compare to him as a Great Saint Master." Jian Chen thought to himself in shock. The difference between an Earth Saint Master and a Great Saint Master was like the difference between heaven to earth. There was just a huge line that separated between them.

Just as Jian Chen was barely able to control his breathing, suddenly the azure and violet glows of light within his dantian suddenly emerged from his body in the form of two glows of light around his head. They looked to be the two handles of a sword that were currently stabbing into his head.

At the same time, an unbelievably strong amount of Sword Qi flew outward almost as if it were appearing out of nowhere. In a split second, the entire garden was filled with Sword Qi and every unit of air was condensed with it. The feeling was quite sharp, unlike the gentle caress of a simple stream of wind. In fact, the feeling was similar to being sliced by multiple swords with a stinging sensation.

The moment the Sword Qi flew out from Jian Chen's body, the flowers all around the garden began to dance wildly as the next moment, a storm of dust covered the entire area. With a second look, not a single stalk of grass or flower was left remaining.

Abruptly, the stone pavilion echoed with a rustling sound, as the entire storm of dust covered the sky in every direction. A short moment later, the outside of the pavilion couldn't even be seen anymore thanks to the dust which completely covered everyone's line of sight.

"What...what type of power is this? Hurry up and get back!" The two envoys no longer had their calm expression on their faces and immediately flew backward to escape from the perimeter of the Sword Qi.

Even Yun Li's reaction wasn't too slow and he immediately leaped backward as well. His entire face was filled with anxiety before shock quickly overtook it.

Just as the two envoys retreated, the two azure and violet colored swords suddenly disappeared from sight back into his body in a single instance. Following their disappearance, the shroud of Sword Qi receded as well leaving behind the remnants of the flower garden with scars everywhere.

The two envoys and Yun Li stood hundred meters away in shock as they looked at Jian Chen with disbelief. However, in comparison to earlier, Jian Chen was in a sorrier state than before as the ground beneath his feet were filled with cracks. From the three men's faces, a decent amount of tiny wounds with blood barely leaking out could be seen. Though, they weren't fast enough to retreat before some of their hair had been cut into pieces and floated away into the wind. Even their clothes had been ripped and began to stain with blood.

"Ju...just what type of power is this, how could it be this terrifying?!" The gentle looking envoy cried out with shock and a healthy amount of fear reflected on his face.

In that split second, both envoys had used their Saint Force to protect themselves, however, something absolutely shocking had happened then. This mysterious type of power had seemingly ignored their defenses and went on to injure both of them. Even more shocking, they had felt countless of tiny blade like objects cut into them all over their bodies. Their thighs, waists, arms, hands, face, forehead, and chest had all been cut in some way and almost became a bloody mess.

#### Chapter 237: Magical Beast Invasion

Seeing the miserable situation the two envoys were in a hundred meters away, Jian Chen felt the final dregs of his anger flowing away from him. Although that envoy had placed an unbelievably strong amount of pressure on him, the consequences they had both suffered were much worse. Not only were their bodies damaged, but it had also been an attack on their superiority as an Earth Saint Master; this by itself would have been enough to insult their honor.

Jian Chen continued to survey the sight around him only to see the miserable environment that had been reduced to dust thanks to the Sword Qi he had emitted. Internally, he couldn't help but to gasp in shock. With the azure and violet Sword Spirits being so strong, the little amount of Sword Qi they had released from his body could only make him tremble with shock. An endless amount of shock to be accurate. For only a small amount of Sword Qi to bring about such a large impact on an Earth Saint Master, that was unbelievable.

If the extremely weak azure and violet Sword Spirits had such an overwhelming amount of power now then Jian Chen couldn't even begin to imagine just what kind of terrifying amount of power they might have at their strongest point.

“This...this is how strong he is? H-how...how terrifying...” The raggedy Yun Li went pale in the face as he muttered to himself. His forehead glistened with sweat like the other two envoys by his side. With his clothes no longer doing a proper job, every inch of his body could be seen with wounds and blood dripping all over. If it were not for the fact that he were bleeding, then no one would have believed that he had been injured.

The people in Jian Chen’s eyes had been completely terrified at his power. Looking at the three of them, he couldn’t help but take pleasure in their pain. With a faint smile, he spoke out at last, “Lord Yun Li, senior envoys, are you all fine now?” With each word spoken, Jian Chen took another step toward them.

“Brother Jian Chen...do-don’t come any closer!” Seeing how Jian Chen was slowly advancing, Yun Li couldn’t help but feel startled as he cried out loud while simultaneously taking a few steps back as well. From the sudden event that had just transpired, Yun Li was so terrified that his courage had completely been obliterated. That unbelievable amount of Sword Qi was far too terrifying, and if his reaction speed had been any slower, then he had no doubts that he too would have been reduced to nothing more than dust.

The two envoys also took a few steps back as they looked at Jian Chen with some dread. At that moment, they had realized a few more things than Yun Li. Both of them were painfully aware that despite the Saint Force they had been so proud of, against this threat, they might as well have had nothing to protect themselves with.

Seeing how the two Earth Saint Masters had been reduced to such a state due to the azure and violet Sword Spirits, Jian Chen couldn’t help but feel some self satisfaction. “Lord Yun Li and senior envoys, please forgive this one. My outburst was uncontrollable for a moment, but it is no longer a problem.”

Looking around the garden and its obliterated state, the two envoys couldn’t help but have an extremely grim expression on their faces. “That power just now, just what was it?”

Jian Chen shook his head with a sigh, “ Envoys, please forgive this one. There’s just some things that this one cannot speak of. However, that outburst of power just now wasn’t under my control. If this one has committed any offenses, this one hopes the seniors forgive it.”

“Ai, there is no problem, no problem at all. If we are in such a situation like this, then it is our fault completely. If I had not tried to test you with my Qi, then that power of yours would never have manifested.” The gentle looking envoy immediately responded. After he had come to Wake City, he had heard about Jian Chen’s achievements so far. The one called Jian Chen, he couldn’t help but wonder just what type of person this one was. They had also wanted to test his strength just to see if he was as amazing as lord Yun Li said he was. However, they had never expected that in a single experiment, they had eaten such a heavy loss and their face had been lost as well.

With this, the cold looking envoy looked at the other one with a meaningful glare, “This is your fault for looking for trouble.”

Hearing that, the first envoy couldn’t help but laugh sheepishly, “Jian Chen, if we have offended you, we do hope that you do not take it to heart.”

Hurriedly, Jian Chen replied back, “How could that be, your words should be coming from me; I truly do wish that seniors do not take offense.”



“Senior envoys, brother Jian Chen, because of this recent destruction, why don’t we switch places to talk?” Yun Li spoke up suddenly. Despite having a body full of injuries, they were nothing more than superficial wounds and would be nothing more than a hindrance. Seeing how the two envoys and Jian Chen had made up, Yun Li couldn’t help but sigh in relief secretly.

Afterward, the three followed Yun Li to an even more elegant lounge. On their way to the hall however, many guards gave strange looks at the ragged condition Yun Li and the two envoys were in, but no one said a thing.

A little while later, the four finally arrived in the quiet halls where they began to talk to each other. Finally, Jian Chen had found out the envoys names as well as understanding their natures a little bit more.

The two envoys were brothers from the same parents, but their characters had been the exact opposite. The kindly one was the older brother named Katata. Of the two, he was the well-natured one and only had a smile on his face, allowing people to feel at ease with him.

The other person was the younger brother, Katafei. Compared to his older brother, he was rather cold and silent, causing people to feel as if he was extremely distant from them.

After the talks, Katata had continuously tried to wrestle Jian Chen’s identity from him, but each time it was carelessly answered with a vague response. Even Katata had realized later that Jian Chen wasn’t willing to answer such a question so he ceased to ask such questions in order to avoid being confused and to avoid incurring Jian Chen’s wrath. After the situation in the garden, Katata didn’t dare to underestimate Jian Chen.

At this moment, Duo Li had came back with a serious expression. After greeting the envoys, he immediately turned to Yun Li, “My lord, a report just came in. There’s a large wave of magical beasts heading out from the forests toward Wake City.”

Suddenly, everyone there stopped talking as Yun Li gave a heavy stare, “How many are there?!”

“Many, just far too many for us to even count!” Duo Li replied gravely.

“Was there any traces of a Class 5 Magical Beast?” Katata asked.

“Our reports say the scouts are too afraid of entering the Magical Beast Mountain Range. At the most, they’ll enter the outskirts and so they weren’t able to find any traces of it.” Duo Li held his hands in an apologetic manner.

“Duo Li, prepare the entire city immediately! Withdraw the scouts and shut the city gates to prevent anyone from leaving!” Yun Li thundered as he jumped from his seat to run out of the room.

Chapter 238: The Eve before the Invasion

With Yun Li immediately announcing the start of the magical beast wave, the entirety of Wake City had spread the news like wildfire. Suddenly, the entire city exploded into action, as every single mercenary group that heard the news immediately trekked toward the city gates with their brethren to prepare.

With the news of combat to be close at hand, the atmosphere was unnaturally serious, but at the same time, everyone was rather excited.

The moment Jian Chen left the lord's mansion, he returned back to the Kai clan where the seven Great Saint Masters and a hundred other members of the Flame Mercenaries ran up to greet him.

On the road, not a single caravan could be seen anymore, only a large amount of heavily armored mercenary groups heading toward the same destination. Among them, many of the mercenaries walked with an excited look to their faces; this time, the Mercenary Union in Wake City had issued a report that if they were able to provide the left ear of a magical beast, then they would be able to claim the money reward for killing a magical beast of its rank. The more ears they collected, the more rewards they could collect. While the magical beast wave was extremely dangerous, where one could lose their life if not careful, the allure of a monetary reward was tempting to those not afraid of death.

However this sum of money was all paid for by the city lord personally. Though it was not a small amount of money, with Wake City being so close to the Magical Beast Mountain Range and monster cores being a good source of money, it could be said that both Wake City and the lord were rich. Otherwise, they would have never been able to afford the type of walls a First Class City would have.

When Jian Chen led the hundred men to the city gates a thousand meters away, they suddenly found it harder to move as a large throng of men crowded the area and made it impossible to move.

At this, Jian Chen merely stepped back and spoke out to the seven Great Saint Masters behind him, "Clear the way for us!" The seven Great Saint masters were all famous people within Wake City with many people knowing who they were. So, many people immediately cleared a path for them, since many of the men felt intimidated by their presence.

Exchanging places with Jian Chen, the seven men's presence spiked in intensity as Duo Kang shouted out, "Fellow brothers, please make way!" Under their control, the amount of power exuding from them had caused the road in front of them to suddenly clear out as if a sharp sword had cut through it and forced the group of people to move off to the side.

"Eh? Isn't that the captain of the Golden Dragon Mercenaries? I didn't think he'd be here..."

"That's the captain of the Hot Blooded Mercenaries as well..."

"I've heard rumors that they dissolved their mercenary groups to join another group called the Flame Mercenaries. Though, I'm not sure if it's true or not..."

The moment the seven Great Saint Masters showed their faces, they had immediately garnered the attention of everyone who began to talk about them.

Hidden behind the large group, Jian Chen followed the seven Great Saint Masters without gaining anyone's attention. Just as the group was 500 meters away from the walls, suddenly a large commotion could be heard up ahead. Then, a heavily armored soldier came walking towards Jian Chen; it was the commander, Duo Li.

"Haha, brother Jian Chen, the lord and senior envoys are waiting for you at the walls. Allow me to accompany you." The moment commander Duo Li saw Jian Chen, his voice grew even more polite than before.

Walking ahead of the group, Jian Chen returned the smile, "Then if you would please do me the honor in leading."

Afterward among the astonished stares of everyone else, Jian Chen and Duo Li left together toward the city gates.

The walls of Wake City were that of the same standards of the walls in a First Class City. They were forty meters tall and twenty meters thick. On top of the walls, there were all sorts of soldiers of various strengths. Not only that, but many strong mercenaries were also on top of the wall. There were also thirty Magical Crystal Cannons mounted over the walls with five mercenaries manning each one with a trunk full of monster cores.

Commander Duo Li brought Jian Chen to lord Yun Li who was staring out beyond the city walls with a serious expression. by his side, there were a few well known figures of Wake City and the two envoys. Both of them were wearing black colored robes and did not look like they were ready to talk. Even if someone were to try to talk to them, it looked as if the envoys wouldn't even bother to pretend to notice them.

"Lord Yun Li, what is the situation looking like now?" Jian Chen spoke softly to the lord.

Yun Li continued to stare out beyond the city without a change in his expression. "It's not looking reassuring; this time's magical beast wave has way more magical beasts than before. Brother Jian Chen, take a look. Their numbers are almost immeasurable."

Jian Chen grew solemn after hearing that as he looked to where Yun Li was pointing only to see a black storm of magical beasts slowly make their way toward the city. He couldn't even make out a single magical beast's body, let alone count them.

With this spectacle, Jian Chen's eyes could only narrow in concentration. For the mentally stupid magical beasts to walk forward in such a manner like this, there must be a Class 5 Magical Beast commanding them. After all, they possessed an intellect that while beneath that of a human, it was enough for them to control other magical beasts.

"This magical beast wave is quite peculiar. Lord Yun Li, I remember the last magical beast wave had magical beasts that just recklessly threw themselves at the walls. How is it this time they are walking in such a disciplined manner?" A white haired elder spoke out in confusion.

"That's right, the last time Wake City was invaded, it was completely different from this one." Another middle aged man spoke as he looked at the incoming wave with worry.

After the two had spoken, the men standing by Yun Li's side began to debate among themselves. They weren't men of lesser intelligence, each one of them could realize that something was amiss in this wave.

Seeing that everyone had felt something was strange about this wave, Yun Li knew that it was no use in trying to hide the secret anymore. Without pondering any longer, he spoke out loud, "Everyone, the truth is, this magical beast wave has a Class 5 Magical Beast hidden within it. For our Wake City, this magical beast wave could be said to be a test of survival of an extremely grim nature."

Chapter 239: The Beginning Prominence of One's Reputation

After hearing Yun Li's confession, everyone's face immediately grew deathly serious. Yet, no one was making a loud fuss since each one of them could roughly guess that this was the reason why the magical beast wave was so different this time around.

With a magical beast wave happening in Wake City every twenty or so years, there were plenty of people who would come to participate. So for those who had been in Wake City for many years, they had understood the nature of how a magical beast waves worked. This new wave was especially weird. If the normally dumb magical beasts were suddenly walking in the same manner as a disciplined army, this could only be the work of a Class 5 Magical Beast.

"How troublesome this is. A Class 5 Magical Beast is extremely strong, and even an Earth Saint Master would have trouble being victorious if they fight alone. With our Wake City having no experts of our own to help defend against a Class 5 Magical Beast, it looks like we can only hope to try and employ a strategy of overwhelming them with our numbers." An expensively robed elder spoke gravely as the news of a Class 5 Magical Beast had registered completely with him.

"Against a Class 5 Magical Beast, we would have to use an entire crowd of Great Saint Masters in order to have a hope of overwhelming it. Those who are of the Saint Master level wouldn't have a chance of penetrating its defenses therefore no hope of doing any type of damage to it at all." Spoke another middle aged man cloaked in a red robe. He was sturdy in stature and radiated a strong killing intent as he looked at the magical beasts.

"That's right, a Class 5 Magical Beast is something that only those at the Great Saint Master level could hope to damage. Even then, if there is a Class 5 Magical Beast that specializes in defense, then Great Saint Masters couldn't even hope to damage it, even if it stood still for us to hit it. I truly hope that this Class 5 Magical Beast won't be too hard to deal with, otherwise, Wake City will be extremely hard to defend." A short haired man spoke out to the others.

"Words are easy to say, but if a Class 5 Magical Beast truly does show up, all of our Great Saint Masters shouldn't be focused on it alone. Aside from the Class 5 Magical Beast, there are still a multitude of other magical beasts, certainly including many Class 4 Magical Beasts. If we were to have all of our Great Saint Masters fighting the Class 5 Magical Beast, then how would we deal with the others?"

"What are you afraid of? Our Wake City has at least a hundred thousand mercenaries and easily double that in city soldiers. Although we cannot go one to one with those beasts, our men will be victorious! I don't believe that our combined mass of people will not be able to defend against these magical beasts, nor will they be able to stand against the Magical Crystal Cannons we have on the walls!"

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Hearing the men begin to quarrel, Yun Li cleared his throat, "Do not panic everyone. While a Class 5 Magical Beast brought us a great deal of pressure, but that has been dealt with.. Our enemies right now are those of the Class 4 Magical Beast and lower. Despite this, there are still a mass amount of magical beasts to deal with, so everyone cannot let down their guards. If we cannot match them with our numbers, then we will fight them with our experience!"

Lord Yun Li had shocked everyone with his words, "My lord, what are you saying? The Class 5 Magical Beast has been dealt with? Could it be there are some Earth Saint Masters in Wake City right now?"

Yun Li nodded his head gravely with a faint smile on his face, "That's right, so everyone shouldn't pay attention to the Class 5 Magical Beast and focus your attention on the other lower leveled ones."

"My lord, then do you know where these seniors are? We would like to pay our respects to them." Someone immediately called out.

Yun Li shook his head with an apologetic expression, "My apologies, but the envoys had made it clear that their identities would not be exposed. If they become displeased, then it would be quite disastrous for our Wake City."

Hearing that, everyone could only secretly sigh in sadness. Earth Saint Masters were incredibly rare in Wake City, and even in the continent, they were considered experts of the higher order. To these people, they truly wished to pay their respects to them in order to make friends with them and hopefully gain their assistance in any matter.

After Yun Li had spoken, they had given up on their idea of getting close to them. However, the word "Envoys" had alerted them of a few things worth remembering.

Jian Chen who was standing nearby wasn't overly noticeable. Instead, he spent his time looking over a hundred meters away at the two black robed envoys. He couldn't help but think to when the two were forced into a miserable position, and smiled as a result. Who knew that the two Earth Saint Master envoys hired by Wake City from Monarch City would have ended up in such a sad condition by him?

When Jian Chen's eyes hovered over the two envoys, Katata suddenly felt that he was being stared at. Turning to look at him, he had a kind smile on his face as usual, "Brother Jian Chen, come here and let's have a talk, shall we?" Although being a hundred meters apart and a noisy crowd divided the two, his voice could still be heard loud and clear as if amplified by some unknown mean so that it felt as if the two were talking right next to each other.

Katata's voice had suddenly attracted the attention of everyone else in Yun Li's company who immediately turned to look at the two black robed envoys. However, their own strengths weren't enough to perceive anything out of the ordinary from the envoys strength, so when they tried to inspect the two for a moment, they finally lost interested and turned away once more.

At the request of an Earth Saint Master like Katata, Jian Chen didn't dare to refuse. Bidding goodbye to Yun Li, he immediately headed for the envoys position.

"Jian Chen? Hm...". Seeing Jian Chen walk by, the white haired elder's eyebrows furrowed together as he sounded out Jian Chen's name before his eyes suddenly took on an astonished glint as he stared at him.

Seeing how the elder was standing perplexed now, the cyan robed elder to his side whispered to him, "Elder He Yu, what's wrong?"

The white haired elder continued to stare at Jian Chen's retreating back, whispering so that Jian Chen couldn't hear, he said, "I've heard the name Jian Chen before, isn't that the same name as the person who destroyed the Zhou and Tianxiong clans?"

The cyan robed elder started when he heard that. Immediately, his eyes flew over to Jian Chen's back and sucked in a deep breath of air sharply, "Elder He Yu, I had completely forgotten about the matter

until you mentioned it. According to the guards who had fled from the Tianxiong clan, the one who eradicated the Tianxiong clan and single handedly beat nine Great Saint Masters was a twenty year old youth who is apparently quite handsome to look at. The youth who just walked by us seems to be a good fit, take another look, this has to be the very same Jian Chen who destroyed both clans!”

#### Chapter 240: Six Cycles of an Earth Saint Master

The two elders continued to talk gently, but with everyone standing closeby having a strong sense of hearing, they had naturally heard the words being spoken.

“What? The youth that was just standing here was that Jian Chen? He’s...so young though, how could he be so strong then? Just how many youths have you seen wield so much power?” A man spoke in awe.

“Right right, he truly is so young and yet so unique.”

After the two days where two major clans had been annihilated, everyone was painfully aware of the name Jian Chen. However with the incoming invasion of the magical beasts, everyone had placed the wave in the front of their minds and had forgotten about the clans. This was a point of life or death for them, and so the deaths of the Zhou and Tianxiong clan were not worth a higher priority and quickly receded into obscurity. Jian Chen’s name was no longer mentioned either and did not come to mind as quickly.

“This can’t be said for sure.” A tall man sneered with some contempt, “Those were nothing more than rumors, and none of us had seen the matter for ourselves personally. But to me, I’m sure these rumors are only partial truths and were greatly exaggerated. Just look how young he is, he can’t be a year past twenty. How can someone so young cultivate to such a powerful level? Maybe he began cultivating when he was in his mother’s womb? We can’t say for certain that the destruction of the Zhou and Tianxiong clan was done by one person or with the help of a few others.”

The others began to nod their heads, what this man had said had a great deal of logic behind it. Rumors were rumors after all; each one of them had weathered many storms and listened to many rumors, but only a small part of them were true while the vast majority were half truths or not even truths at all.

Hearing the group trying to guess at the real truth, Yun Li couldn’t help but reveal a knowing smile on his face yet at the same time, his body couldn’t help but shake and tremble for a moment. He could only lament over the fact that he too was not aware of Jian Chen’s strength, but he did know that the event regarding him and the envoy in the garden not too long ago had forced both the envoys and him to take a major loss. This wasn’t something that Yun Li was willing to share with the group.

Jian Chen arrived at where the envoys stood with a smile, “Whether or not Wake City can be successfully defended depends on senior envoys.”

Katata could only laugh as he looked at Jian Chen with an amicable smile, it was this smile that made everyone want to be good friends with him.

“Jian Chen, since I’m older than you, might I call you junior Jian Chen, or is that too much?” Katata asked casually.

“There’s no problem at all of course.” Jian Chen replied with a smile. Even though Katata was smiling at him with such a kind look, he was still on guard. In his experience, if Katata’s expression was a genuine

feeling from the heart, then he was definitely a person worthy of being a friend with. However if it was nothing more than something fake, then the man's strength should be feared and guarded against.

Katata looked at Jian Chen closely, "Junior Jian Chen, although my brother and I are both Earth Saint Masters, the strength of a Class 5 Magical Beast is still something that can go against our expectations. Even if the two of us were to join hands to kill the magical beast, it would still be a difficult task, so therefore, I sincerely hope that junior can lend us a hand if the time arises."

With a self deprecating smile, Jian Chen replied "Senior envoy, you must be joking. I've only the strength of a Great Saint Master, how would I fight against a Class 5 Magical Beast? Doing so would be the same as throwing my life away." Even though he had said that, Jian Chen's heart couldn't help but thirst to fight against a Class 5 Magical Beast, but at the same time he knew that his strength wasn't sufficient enough to fight against one unless he used the strength of the azure and violet Sword Qi.

"Junior, you truly are modest. In the garden you had displayed such an explosive amount of power that frightened even my brother and me. Even now, my body still aches from the pain I felt then. If junior is to use that same power, then I am sure that the Class 5 Magical Beast will fall to your hands." Katata said.

Jian Chen had a bitter smile on his face, "Senior envoys, that very power isn't something I can control. Nonetheless, this one will strive hard to defend Wake City against the magical beast wave."

"Haha, as long as you mean those words, then my heart will truly be at ease." Katata spoke with some relief.

Taking note of the change in his tone, Jian Chen quickly continued, "Senior envoys, with you two here, this magical beast wave will be no problem, correct?"

Hearing that, Katata could only sigh, "True, before, I didn't even bother to think the Class 5 Magical Beast to be my enemy. But now that I am standing here, I don't dare belittle it."

Jian Chen's expression changed as well, "Could it be that the class 5 Magical Beast will be hard to deal with even if both seniors joined together?" He asked with surprise.

"Correct!" Katata's smile suddenly disappeared without a trace as it grew unnaturally serious. "When my brother and I were standing here, we both detected a presence so strong that it could suppress even the both of us!"

Katata's evenly spoken words had been like a clap of thunder in Jian Chen's ears. He couldn't help but be utterly surprised as he muttered, "How is that possible? A Class 5 Magical Beast with a presence so strong that it could suppress both seniors? Just how strong is that magical beast?"

Katata smiled bitterly, "Junior Jian Chen, it seems to me that you don't know how Earth Saint Masters are classified, allow me to explain it to you." He paused for a moment to draw breath before continuing, "Saints, Great Saints, Saint Master, and Great Saint Masters all are split into three additional layers. Those three layers are the Primary, Middle and Peak layers. After the Earth Saint Master realm, there is suddenly six different layers of strength. We call these the six cycles. The first cycle is weakest and the sixth cycle is the highest. In the case that one breaks through to the sixth cycle of the Earth Saint Master realm the following stage is the Heaven Saint Master realm.

“My brother Katafei and I are only at the second cycle in ranking. As for the hidden Class 5 Magical Beast, I suspect it is at the fourth cycle in terms of strength at the very least. It’s even possible that it is at the fifth cycle, where it is many times stronger than my brother and I combined.”

Jian Chen’s face grew deathly serious as he listened to Katata. When Katata had said that Earth Saint Masters were divided into different levels of strength, he couldn’t help but wonder how strong the Class 5 Magical Beast that was found in the forest was.