

Chaotic 2391

Chapter 2391: The Divine King Abdicates

Luo Mantian nodded understandingly after listening to the words of Tong Wuming and Zhou Zhidao. He had made up his mind.

In reality, ever since he learnt the mysterious Chaotic Prime of the Tian Yuan clan was a divine general of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, Luo Mantian had already planned on treating the Xi clan like that.

He had asked this question to understand the thoughts of the others.

Now, he basically knew that their thoughts aligned with his.

“Let’s go pay a visit to the Tian Yuan clan as well,” said the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak. He was ruddy and sage-like. As he hovered in the air, his white robes swayed in the wind. He really did seem quite like an immortal.

Afterwards, he took a step and instantly vanished.

In just a single step, he crossed an extremely vast distance.

Afterwards, all the other peak experts gathered on the Heaven’s Link Peak followed him.

All the experts of the Righteous Alliance arrived in the southern region. Immediately, the Four Symbols Alliance reacted like they were facing their mortal enemies. The powerful killing formations that surrounded the entire southern region seemed to begin operating.

“Don’t worry, we haven’t come to fight this time,” the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak said calmly.

Beside him, the other peak experts of the Righteous Alliance stared at Zheng Hu and the others coldly.

The five experts of the Four Symbols Alliance all calmed down when they heard that. However, they did not dare to drop their guard. They remained vigilant, and the powerful killing formations could be activated at any time.

The lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak and everyone else no longer paid any more attention to the Four Symbols Alliance. They all arrived outside the barrier of the Pingtian Empire, wanting to visit the Tian Yuan clan.

However, Ming Dong showed them no respect. He did not let them in.

“Spare me the visit. I can’t be bothered about the grievances between your Righteous Alliance and the Four Symbols Alliance. As long as you don’t impinge on the Tian Yuan clan, do whatever you want,” Ming Dong’s voice rang out from the Tian Yuan clan, directly drifting out of the Pingtian Empire to the ears of the experts of the Righteous Alliance.

Having been denied entry, the peak experts who basically stood at the apex of the Cloud Plane were not angered at all. Instead, this further confirmed for them that Ming Dong’s background was astonishing.

This was because the Chaotic Prime divine general from the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng said nothing at all; this basically indicated he completely listened to Ming Dong.

At this moment, the Infinite Prime, the Pingtian divine king, stood on a ceiling of the imperial palace in his dragon robes. He stared towards the boundary of the Pingtian Empire.

Behind him was a white-robed old man. He was the Grand Imperial Protector of the Pingtian Empire, Bo Wen.

The divine king stood as straight as a sword. Vaguely, a sense of sharp sword Qi seemed to radiate from him. He possessed the bearing of a Sword Immortal.

He stood there quietly and stared into the horizon. After a long while, he sighed softly and murmured, "I never thought, I really never thought that Jian Chen's Tian Yuan clan would have such might today, enough to make all the peak experts famed on the Cloud Plane visit them. Even in my eyes, they are indomitable figures of great importance."

"Your majesty, this is the glory of the empire. Today, because of the Tian Yuan clan's existence, our Pingtian Empire is renowned across the entire Cloud Plane. As long as the Tian Yuan clan remains, no one will be bold enough to offend our Pingtian Empire on the Cloud Plane. We are respected everywhere..." said Grand Imperial Protector Bo Wen in high spirits.

"The glory of the empire? Indeed. Because of the Tian Empire, both the renown and status of the Pingtian Empire has risen to a peak that even I struggle to imagine, enough to resolve all past disputes and receive respect everywhere. However, this is not what I want," said the divine king slowly. His eyes were extremely profound.

"Your majesty, why do you say that?" The Grand Imperial Protector asked in confusion.

After a while of thought, the divine king said, "First, times that are too peaceful will result in the gradual decline of people. With the deterrence from the Tian Yuan clan, our Pingtian Empire won't face any conflict for a very long time."

"Without conflict, without the baptism of blood, the Pingtian Empire will be like an orchid raised under special circumstances. We will die from even the smallest storm. It will be very difficult for us to become truly powerful."

The divine king paused when he reached there. Mixed feelings appeared on his face, and he continued slowly, "The other reason is that I am the divine king, the emperor, of the Pingtian Empire. I am he who controls the empire, yet I must live under the glory of the Tian Yuan clan. As the emperor, I feel ashamed."

The Grand Imperial Protector's face changed slightly, and he immediately became flustered. He said frantically, "Your highness, there are countless organisations across the Saints' World that try to gain the protection of a larger organisation so that they can exist forever. The encounter our Pingtian Empire has experienced now is enough to make countless organisations across the Saints' World feel envious."

"I comprehend the Way of the Sword. The sword must maintain its edge, or it will rust away sooner or later. Days of peace are detrimental to my way." The divine king paused when he reached there. At that moment, he seemed to have made a great decision. Resolve appeared in his eyes.

"Bo Wen, I plan on abdicating and passing on the position of emperor to someone else."

The Grand Imperial Protector was shocked when he heard the divine king's words. He became bitter. Only after a moment of thought did he ask hoarsely, "Then may I ask which prince has caught your highness' eye?"

The divine king shook his head. "The current Pingtian Empire completely thrives under the shielding of the Tian Yuan clan. None of my princes are suitable for inheriting the throne. Give the throne to someone in the Tian Yuan clan."

"Before the Tian Yuan clan, a small organisation called the Mo clan existed. The patriarch of the Mo clan, Mo Xingfeng, showed kindness to Jian Chen many years ago, while Mo Xingfeng's daughter, Mo Yan, is deeply adored by Jian Chen. The foster daughter he took in was also the princess of the Xi Empire of the northern region. I think Mo Xingfeng is the most suitable person for inheriting the throne in the Tian Yuan clan."

The next day, the divine king personally visited the Tian Yuan clan. He engaged in a secret conversation with the past patriarch of the Mo clan, Mo Xingfeng, in a secret room. He left three days later.

Before long, the divine king formally announced his abdication of the throne and that Mo Xingfeng would inherit it. The Grand Imperial Protector would assist with the ascension.

After abdicating the throne, the divine king completely vanished from public view. He left silently all by himself, leaving the Cloud Plane to wander the vast Saints' World and pave his own way.

Chapter 2392: The Azure Peng King's Shock

The Pingtian Empire had formally changed hands.

The past patriarch of the Mo clan now held supreme authority in the Pingtian Empire.

It had to be mentioned that having Mo Xingfeng inherit the throne was an extremely clever decision.

Mo Xingfeng was not particularly powerful, but he was one of the people who had made contact with Jian Chen the earliest. Moreover, he was a founding member of the Tian Yuan clan. He held quite some status.

Now that he had become the emperor of the Pingtian Empire, the relationship between the Pingtian Empire and Tian Yuan clan became even closer.

Of course, all of these changes had been caused by the revelation of Ming Xie's identity as a divine general of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng.

Not only did the statuses of the Pingtian Empire and Tian Yuan clan rise with the exposure of Ming Xie's identity, but even the Xi clan in the northern region benefited tremendously.

Ever since Xi Lianxue fell under the Heavenless Demon Exalt's control and made the Xi Empire that once dominated the northern region stand with the Tian Empire, the Xi Empire had been dragged into the war across the entire Cloud Plane. Eventually, they started to face destruction. Afterwards, due to the combined efforts of the Heaven-cracking sect and the Sword Sect of Four Poles, the imperial family of the Xi Empire was almost completely devastated. They even gave up on the imperial palace, allowing their enemies to occupy it.

Afterwards, the Xi Emperor and the other two Chaotic Primes broke free thanks to Ming Xie's assistance, so their Xi clan finally escaped danger. They truly gained the ability to contend against the Heaven-cracking sect and Sword Sect of Four Poles.

Under the leadership of the current emperor, Xi Ziyun, the Xi Empire gradually stabilised and began to recover slowly.

However, at this moment, the Heaven-cracking sect and the Sword Sect of Four Poles that had completely fallen out with the Xi Empire banded together with the various organisations of the northern region, using Xi Lianxue as an excuse to form a powerful coalition. They stood against the Xi Empire, doing all that they could to prevent them from uniting the northern region.

As a matter of fact, the ancestors of the Heaven-cracking sect and the Sword Sect of Four Poles had even visited the Godsfallen clan located in the northern region in hopes of having them send experts to completely destroy the Xi Empire.

However, now that Ming Xie's identity had been exposed, the Godsfallen clan and even the peak experts of the Righteous Alliance all treated the Xi Empire differently.

On this day, just when the important members of the Xi Empire were racking their brains over how to recover their lost territory and recreate the empire, the two Chaotic Prime ancestors of the Heaven-cracking sect and Sword Sect of Four Poles who had always stood against them brought the leaders of the various organisations with them to the boundary of the Xi Empire. They had come to seek forgiveness and to pledge their loyalty to the Xi Empire.

Ever since then, the Xi Empire had completely recovered all of its lost territory, successfully uniting the northern region again and becoming a dominating power there.

As for the Godsfallen clan, although they were a peak organisation and resided in the northern region as well, they behaved like hermits most of the time and did not interfere with worldly affairs.

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The Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance had returned to the Azure Brilliance Mountain on the Loneheaven Plane. He took on a human form and sat at the top of the mountain with an extremely sunken face.

Rage had been building up within him for a very long time now such that it seemed like he was about to explode at any time.

"Jian Chen, I have already firmly remembered you. I will never forget you..." The Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance gritted his teeth as he nursed many grievances.

He failed to destroy the Tian Yuan clan and returned miserably instead. He was already petty and vengeful enough, so he placed all the blame on Jian Chen.

It made his resentment towards Jian Chen grow even more intense.

In particular, when he thought about how he was the infamous Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance, he struggled to think of any places he would not receive respect from. However, ever since he encountered Jian Chen, bad luck had been constantly with him. Not only did he fail to hunt down Jian Chen many

times, but he even ended up injured time and time again. As a result, his resentment towards Jian Chen reached a devastating level.

Jian Chen had almost become an inner demon for the Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance.

“Jian Chen, you probably would have never thought that the true master of the Anatta Tower, the Anatta Grand Prime, hasn’t died like as rumoured. You’ve boldly taken possession of the Anatta Tower for yourself and refined it ignorantly, so you’ll die to the hands of the Grand Exalt sooner or later.” At this moment, the Azure Peng King thought of something and immediately smiled coldly.

“Hold on!”

However, his smile only lasted for a single moment before suddenly freezing up. The Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance’s gaze became shocking. He said sternly, “The Anatta Grand Prime is a Grand Exalt of the Saints’ World. His abilities are exceptional. As long as he’s still alive, no matter where the Anatta Tower is hidden, even in the many spaces in the lower worlds, he will be able to find it with a single thought with his ability as a Grand Exalt. But why does Jian Chen still possess the Anatta Tower?”

“If the Anatta Grand Prime was dead, Jian Chen’s possession of the Anatta Tower would make sense. However, the Anatta Grand Prime is clearly still alive, and he has even accepted a ninth disciple. He should have found out about the Anatta Tower long ago, but why hasn’t he collected it...”

“Is it because the Anatta Grand Prime secretly permits Jian Chen to possess the Anatta Tower?” The Azure Peng King’s face immediately changed drastically, and his heart surged when his thoughts reached this point.

At that moment, he could not help but think back to what he went through when he hunted down Jian Chen. The memories flashed through his head, starting from when he first entered the spatial crack in search of Jian Chen to falling into so many temporal vortices for no reason in the end. He seemed to understand something, and he was immediately shocked.

“It’s the Anatta Grand Prime. It’s the Anatta Grand Prime. He’s secretly behind it all...” The Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance cried out inside as he fell into emotional turmoil.

However, he simply could not understand the reasoning behind the Anatta Grand Prime’s actions.

At this moment, on a land distant from the Desolate Plane on the Saints’ World, there was an extremely bustling city with several large-scale formations. The teleportation formations would flicker with light from time to time, and the teleportation powers would surge, sending cultivators far away.

In the centre of the teleportation formations was one that was clearly even larger and more complicated. However, it would frequently remain unused for several months or even years.

People poured in and out of the teleportation formations around it. Compared to the busier teleportation formations, the larger teleportation formation clearly seemed rather special.

This was because it was a teleportation formation that could take people across great planes.

Across any of the forty-nine great planes or eighty-one great planets in the Saints’ World, there would not be a lot of these types of teleportation formations. Only organisations of great power could construct them.

At this moment, the teleportation formation suddenly shone with dazzling light. Its teleportation powers surged out, and a young man and woman appeared silently.

The man was burly and bare-chested. His muscles swelled, hiding explosive power.

The woman had an ordinary face. She did not seem to have any special features at all. She was the type who would not stand out at all from a crowd.

Obviously, the two of them were Jian Chen and Kai Ya.

Chapter 2393: The Elder of Mountains and Seas

Not only did Jian Chen wear Mo Tianyun's mask and conceal his presence, he even altered his stature drastically. Kai Ya also used a disguise.

Neither of them used their true appearances.

"The two of them are only Godkings, yet they've come through an interplanar teleportation formation. You can tell with a single glance that they have a huge background..."

"That's an interplanar teleportation formation. It's said that a single transportation comes at an astronomical price, where even regular Primordial realm experts can't afford it..."

Jian Chen and Kai Ya's arrival immediately attracted the attention of the people around the teleportation formation. Many of the studied Jian Chen and Kai Ya as they discussed among themselves softly.

"Let's go," said Jian Chen before immediately vanishing into the sea of people with Kai Ya.

At the same time, on the distant Desolate Plane, all the peak experts were no longer in the mood to look for Jian Chen and fight over the Anatta Tower anymore after what happened with the Bloodtear Grand Exalt. All of them left the Desolate Plane and returned to their clans with no idea about how to deal with Gusta's flesh and blood.

However, there was one exception.

He was a hook-nosed old man that had short hair. He was the ancestor of a large organisation on the Aqua Plane of the forty-nine great planes in the Saints' World. People called him the Elder of Mountains and Seas.

Although the Elder of Mountains and Seas had already left the Desolate Plane, he was in no hurry to return to the Aqua Plane. Instead, he sat in the sea of stars and used a secret technique, as if he was trying to sense something.

Quite a long while later, the Elder of Mountains and Seas opened his eyes slowly, and a gleam of excitement appeared in his eyes. He sniggered and said, "Jian Chen, I've already seen your true appearance when I was outside the Sword God Mountains. You would have never thought that I possess an innate ability that allows me to find anyone, no matter how far they've fled, no matter how well they've hidden, as long as I've seen them before."

“Before I saw you, there was nothing that I could do. I wouldn’t have been able to find you no matter how I tried forecasting or peering into your matters. However, since I’ve seen you, there’s nowhere for you to hide. Hehe, I’ve already found you. I never thought you would have actually managed to leave the Desolate Plane without raising anyone’s attention.”

“However, that is perfect for me. Even if I took the Anatta Tower from you on the Desolate Plane, it might not necessarily end up with me. But now that you’ve left the Desolate Plane secretly, only I know about your whereabouts. It looks like the Anatta Tower is mine.”

“Hehehehe, here comes my fortuitous encounter. Jian Chen, I would like to see how you hide now...”

The Elder of Mountains and Seas sneered excitedly. Immediately, he took off in the direction he could vaguely sense. He moved extremely quickly, vanishing into the sea of stars with a few flashes.

Elsewhere, Jian Chen and Kai Ya had asked around and found out their current location. They were on the Jadefluid Plane, and they currently stood within an imperial capital of the Shenquan Empire, one of the everlasting empires there.

The Jadefluid Plane ranked slightly lower than the Desolate Plane among the forty-nine great planes.

In reality, the Jadefluid Plane matched the Desolate Plane in terms of peak experts. The only thing they lacked was a peak expert who could astound the entire plane like the Celestial Sword Saint.

“The Jadefluid Plane is far too close to the Desolate Plane, so we can’t stay here for long. We need to leave as soon as possible,” Jian Chen said as he felt secretly vexed. Due to leaving in too great of a hurry, he did not select a transportation location. In the end, the unkempt old man had sent them to the closest Jadefluid Plane.

He had spent a total of one thousand five-colored divine crystals, yet he had been sent to a location that he could reach with a few dozen. He had indeed suffered quite a loss in the deal.

Now, the five-colored divine crystals that he had obtained after so much effort were all spent.

“The Jadefluid Plane is indeed not safe. If the people on the Desolate Plane want to come here, it won’t take them long even without teleportation formations. We can’t end up trapped like last time,” said Kai Ya in agreement. Obviously, she believed that the further they were from the Desolate Plane, the safer they would be.

After a while of thought, Jian Chen said, “We’re out of five-colored divine crystals, so we won’t be able to use the teleportation formations to travel anymore. We can only take a spatial battleship off the Jadefluid Plane.”

“Then where should we go?” Kai Ya asked.

“The Anatta Tower is an object of desire. I plan on returning the Anatta Tower to the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng in exchange for great merit,” said Jian Chen. He understood that he would never have peace as long as the Anatta Tower was on him. He would become the target of many peak experts.

If these people looked into his background and found the Tian Yuan clan, there would be a lot of trouble.

After all, he had left the Cloud Plane many years ago. He had no idea about the Tian Yuan clan's current situation.

Although Ming Dong had already ventured to the Tian Yuan clan after leaving the Neptunean Divine Palace, Jian Chen needed to prepare for the worst.

Before long, Jian Chen and Kai Ya arrived at the spatial port of the Shenquan Empire. They were ready to take a spatial battleship that went to the Prosper Plane where the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng stood.

Although they were already powerful enough to travel through outer space lone, their speed would be much slower than a spatial battleship.

After all, even the spatial battleships of the lowest quality moved much faster than Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Primes. It would be impossible to match their speed unless there was a Chaotic Prime.

Even if he used the Laws of Space with his current strength, he would not be able to outspeed a spatial battleship.

However, when he checked the amount of time required to go to the Prosper Plane, Jian Chen became troubled.

The Jadedfluid Plane was extremely distant from the Prosper Plane. They had to pass through several great planes and over a dozen planets. The journey alone would take several tens of thousand years.

Moreover, this did not include the time that would be wasted by the disturbance of various space beasts and by avoiding areas of danger. The journey would take even longer once such things were considered.

Jian Chen could not afford to wait such a long time.

"Let's go to the Star Brilliance Plane. The Star Brilliance Plane is the closest to the Jadedfluid Plane. It'll only take over a decade to get there. I'll be able to use that time to properly cultivate on the spatial battleship." Jian Chen quickly came to a decision. Now, not only did he possess five droplets of essence blood from Gusta, but he also possessed Gusta's energy reserve, the fleshly core.

With such tremendous energy on hand, he did not have to worry about cultivation resources to reach the fifteenth or even sixteenth layer now, let alone breaking through to the fourteenth layer of the Chaotic Body.

As long as his comprehension of laws was sufficient, he could immediately breakthrough with his Chaotic Body.

Afterwards, Jian Chen changed his appearance once again, becoming a middle-aged man with a stature not too burly or slender through Mo Tianyun's mask. Afterwards, he boarded the spatial battleship with Kai Ya, hurrying off to the Star Brilliance Plane.

Before long, the spatial battleship rose up to outer space and left the Jadedfluid Plane, gliding through outer space.

Jian Chen immediately entered secluded cultivation. He personally cast down a formation before immediately absorbing the energy within Gusta's essence blood to break through to the fourteenth layer of the Chaotic Body.

The thirteenth layer of the Chaotic Body had bestowed upon him the battle prowess to fight and kill early Infinite Primes. But in reality, his level of cultivation was only peak Godking in terms of how cultivation was divided in the Saints' World.

It was the fourteenth layer of the Chaotic Body that matched up with Infinite Primes in the Saints' World.

After all, the Chaotic Body was a completely different system of cultivation. Both the systems used in the Saints' World and the Immortals' World differed greatly. It was impossible to make an accurate comparison between the different cultivation systems. He could only roughly determine where he was.

"The fourteenth layer of the Chaotic Body is equivalent to Infinite Primes in the Saints' World, while the fifteenth layer is also equivalent to Infinite Primes. I presume that the fourteenth layer is around the peak of early Infinite Prime, so around the Third Heavenly Layer."

"The fifteenth layer is equivalent to late Infinite Prime, which is from the Seventh to the Ninth Heavenly Layers. The sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth layers should correspond to early, mid and late Chaotic Prime."

"The eighteenth layer is the limit of the Chaotic Prime, which is peak Chaotic Prime."

"That is because none of the people in the Immortals' World who had cultivated the Chaotic Body has managed to surpass the eighteenth layer and reach the legendary Great Perfection."

"This Great Perfection is equivalent to Grand Primes of the Saints' World and Immortal Exalts of the Immortals' World..."

Jian Chen thought to himself. Although the final limit of the Chaotic Body was Chaotic Prime, and he might never be able to progress any further than that, he did not become downhearted at all. Instead, his fighting spirit was riled up. He had to disprove the rumour that the Chaotic Body could never reach Great Perfection. He would reach the highest level of the Chaotic Body.

Chapter 2394: Absorbing the Essence Blood

Jian Chen sat with his legs crossed within the cabin. A fist-sized jade bottle was placed beside him. It contained Gusta's essence blood.

Jian Chen had already removed a droplet of essence blood from the jade bottle. The pea-sized, shining droplet of essence blood hovered before Jian Chen quietly.

The droplet of essence blood contained extremely terrifying energy. If it erupted, it would unleash devastating might enough to destroy a whole region of space.

However, at this moment, all of the energy within the essence blood was concealed, without giving out any ripples at all. Otherwise, the formation Jian Chen cast down would have never been able to conceal something so powerful.

Currently, the energy within the droplet of essence blood was being absorbed by Jian Chen bit by bit. After he refined the energy, it turned into new Chaotic Force and filled up his chaotic neidan.

As the energy within the essence blood rapidly drained away, Jian Chen's chaotic neidan gradually swelled up.

"The droplet of essence blood contains the power of curses. This power was an arrangement set up by the expert who comprehended the Laws of Curses among the eight experts, but I've inherited his golden core of laws, so the laws don't affect me," thought Jian Chen.

His comprehension of the Laws of Curses had already reached Godking, so he had discovered the power of curses within the essence blood long ago. As he absorbed the essence blood, the power of curses would seep into his body along with it before being absorbed by one of the golden cores of laws in his soul.

As a result, the power of curses was useless against him.

"This curse will spread with the power of the bloodline. Using Gusta's bloodline as a medium, it will cross through time and space and directly cast itself on all Ancient Great Apes. I just wonder if the Ancient Great Apes are affected or not." Jian Chen opened his eyes and looked towards the cabin door. His gaze seemed to be able to pierce it, allowing him to see the vast space outside.

"Whatever. Let's cultivate first. My priority right now is to reach the fourteenth layer of the Chaotic Body." Jian Chen dismissed his thoughts and began to focus on cultivating.

In the Heaven-splitting clan on the Nine Clouds Plane, the Heaven-splitting Ancestor who only seemed to be in his thirties stood in white robes as an invisible presence radiated from him. It interfered with the laws and order there at all times. As a result, the region was completely under his control.

It felt like he was the supreme ruler of that region.

As one of the most powerful experts below Grand Exalts and an existence that was incredibly close to becoming the heavenly ways themselves, the Heaven-splitting Ancestor could influence a small region of space even though he could not affect the laws and order of an entire world. He was extremely powerful.

A Space Ring hovered before the Heaven-splitting Ancestor quietly. Nearby, Tu San stood politely with his head lowered.

Bang!

At this moment, the Space Ring exploded loudly. Immediately, pieces of flesh with many droplets of golden blood appeared out of nowhere.

One of the pieces was colossal. It was the size of a mountain. The thick arm it was attached to reached thousands of metres long.

With so many body fragments, the Heaven-splitting Ancestor's courtyard was no longer big enough to hold it all.

However, at this moment, a powerful will appeared. It influenced the order and laws in the area, immediately shrinking the pieces to an ordinary man's size.

Even the huge arm had shrunk to a little over a metre in length.

The Heaven-splitting Ancestor stared at the blood and flesh calmly and said, "There's the power of curses within Gusta's blood. This is a curse of a bloodline. All members of the Ancient Great Apes won't be able to avoid its influence no matter how distant they are."

"However, it's completely unneeded. The person who cast it down had no idea that the Ancient Great Apes had basically gone extinct after their war with the Spiritsages. Their two remaining dark gold ape kings were slain by the Wind Venerable of the Spiritsages as well. It has been a very long time since an Ancient Great Ape has appeared in the Saints' World. Perhaps their species have completely vanished off the face of the world."

"Master, how should we deal with the flesh and blood?" Tu San asked politely. He felt uneasy. After all, this matter was related to the Bloodtear Grand Exalt.

"Leave Gusta's blood and flesh here for now. Let's see the Bloodtear Grand Exalt's response first," the Heaven-splitting Ancestor said slowly. He looked at the vast outer space, and his eyes deepened. "I have always felt that there was something strange, something off with this matter, as the Bloodtear Grand Exalt's reaction was rather abnormal."

"Gusta's body has been nourished on the Desolate Plane for countless years now. Over such a long period of time, no one has been able to sense this. The two other dark gold ape kings of the Ancient Great Apes were clearly incapable of this. They were powerful, but they were only powerful in battle. In terms of techniques and abilities, they were nowhere close to other experts. As a result, it's definitely the Bloodtear Grand Exalt's handiwork."

"Since Gusta's body has caught the Bloodtear Grand Exalt's eye, these remains definitely would not have ended up with us. The Bloodtear Grand Exalt would have taken it back. With a Grand Exalt's abilities, rebuilding Gusta's shattered body is a piece of cake, but the Bloodtear Grand Exalt did not retrieve the remains."

"The Bloodtear Grand Exalt treats Gusta's body with importance, yet he doesn't care about it, allowing us to fight over it. There's something strange about that..."

"The final point is Jian Chen. He was the one behind the shattering of Gusta's body, so logically speaking, the Bloodtear Grand Exalt should not have spared him. However, the Bloodtear Grand Exalt did not take a single person away from the Desolate Plane, nor did he kill anyone. He left very suddenly; this is indeed difficult to understand."

The laws interwove within the Heaven-splitting Ancestor's eyes. He tried peering into the matter. "I always felt like this matter isn't as simple as it seems. There seems to be some unknown secret hidden within it."

"Master, then about Jian Chen..." Tu San asked carefully.

The Heaven-splitting Ancestor fell into a moment of thought and replied, "After what happened with the Bloodtear Grand Exalt, I feel like Jian Chen is even more complicated than I imagined him to be. There's no need for you to do anything more. Just wait for Jian Chen to appear again, and I'll pay him a personal visit. I'm very curious about the secrets he hides, where even I can't peer into any matters about him."

“And Gusta’s fleshly core might be with Jian Chen. The fleshly core is the most valuable item from Gusta’s body...”

With that, the Heaven-splitting Ancestor vanished. When he reappeared, he was inside the Neptunean Divine Palace.

The defences of the Neptunean Divine Palace were completely useless to the Heaven-splitting Ancestor. They were unable to stop him at all.

“Senior, has brother Jian Chen come?”

Before long, Zi Yun and Xiao Man rushed over after receiving a notice from the artifact spirit. As soon as she saw the Heaven-splitting Ancestor, Xiao Man asked eagerly and looked around for traces of Jian Chen.

Although Zi Yun said nothing, the light in her eyes did flicker. They were filled with hope.

“Jian Chen is very safe. He doesn’t need my protection. I’ve come this time to ask you one more time about whether you’ve considered my previous suggestion. Are you willing to exchange the Pynrite Ore with me?”

Chapter 2395: Breakthrough

“If you exchange it with me, not only will I give you a tremendous amount of cultivation resources and heavenly resources, but I will also protect you from any disturbances so that you can cultivate at ease,” the Heaven-splitting Ancestor said calmly.

“Senior, are you chasing us away?” Zi Yun’s heart sank slightly.

“My patience is limited,” said the Heaven-splitting Ancestor.

“We’ll do it! We’re willing to exchange with you.” However, right after the Heaven-splitting Ancestor finished speaking, the artifact spirit of the Neptunean Divine Palace agreed eagerly. He felt much fear towards the Heaven-splitting Ancestor. Currently, the artifact stood there as a short old man.

“Alright. I’ll go prepare the items, and we’ll exchange them in three days.” The Heaven-splitting Ancestor was delighted. He chuckled aloud before vanishing from the Neptunean Divine Palace.

After the Heaven-splitting Ancestor’s departure, the artifact spirit said to Xiao Man bitterly and powerlessly, “Little master, we’re out of options. If we don’t agree to the Heaven-splitting Ancestor’s terms, we won’t be able to stay here any longer.”

“You still should remember what we faced several days ago, little master. We didn’t have the deterrence of the Heaven-splitting Ancestor, and all the peak experts who desired the Neptunean Divine Palace swarmed us. The defences of the Neptunean Divine Palace are very great, but they are not invincible. Once we end up in the hands of those peak experts, we’ll probably lose our freedom. Matters even more severe than that might happen.”

“But the Heaven-splitting Ancestor is different. The Neptunean Divine Palace does not interest him. What interests him is only the Pynrite Ore on the eighth floor, so the Heaven-splitting Ancestor definitely won’t harm us.”

“B- but he hasn’t brought back brother Jian Chen.” Xiao Man refused to accept it.

The artifact spirit sighed and said sincerely, “Little master, you still haven’t understood that what we need to consider is not Jian Chen’s safety but our own. We cannot offend the Heaven-splitting Ancestor. He can even move through the Neptunean Divine Palace as he pleases. If he forcefully takes away the Pynrite Ore, we won’t be able to stop him at all. If it were not for his pride as a supreme expert at his level, coupled with the fact that little master is no different from a child in his eyes, the Heaven-splitting Ancestor would just take what he wanted, and we probably won’t be able to keep the Pynrite Ore until now.”

“Anyway, since the Heaven-splitting Ancestor wants the Pynrite Ore, it’s not something we’ll be able to keep. Even if the Neptunean Divine Palace ends up in the hands of other peak experts, they’ll only be able to offer up the Pynrite Ore to the Heaven-splitting Ancestor obediently...”

“In the end, it’s all because we’re too weak. Xiao Man, after we get cultivation resources from senior Heaven-splitting, we have to work hard on cultivation. Without great strength, we will constantly be restrained, under the control of others no matter where we go in this world.” Zi Yun sighed gently as determination flooded her eyes.

She had obtained the legacy of a Chaotic Prime from the Neptunean Divine Palace, so she stood at a good starting point. The only things she lacked now was hard work and cultivation resources.

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Time passed silently. Unknowingly, a year and a half had already passed since the mess on the Desolate Plane.

A colossal spatial battleship shot through the endless sea of stars within the Saints’ World, moving at great speeds.

At this moment, Jian Chen slowly opened his eyes as he sat within a high class cabin.

He looked at the jade bottle placed beside him. Just when he wanted to lift it, he suddenly hesitated.

“Gusta’s essence blood is very difficult to refine. Absorbing a single droplet takes me half a year. Now, only two droplets remain, but looking at the size of my chaotic neidan, I won’t be able to reach the fourteenth layer even if I absorb them. Whatever, I’ll keep the two droplets for now and exchange them for some five-colored divine crystals when I get the chance.”

“Gusta was one of the most powerful experts below Grand Exalt. His essence blood would obviously be invaluable. I just happen to be in need of quite a lot of five-colored divine crystals to go to the Prosper Plane.” Jian Chen immediately stowed the bottle away when he thought of this point. After that, he clasped Gusta’s fleshly core in his hand before beginning to absorb the energy and vital energy within it.

The energy within the fleshly core was extremely terrifying and powerful. It was on a whole different level compared to all the energy within a droplet of essence blood.

After all, the fleshly core was equivalent to Jian Chen’s chaotic neidan. It was the reserve of all of Gusta’s power.

As a result, Jian Chen was especially careful and cautious when he absorbed the energy in the fleshly core. He only dared to absorb a tiny strand each time.

Even though it was just a tiny strand, it was tremendous to him. It would take him quite a long time to refine it completely.

Time passed slowly. It took Jian Chen even longer to reach the fourteenth layer compared to his past breakthroughs.

In the blink of an eye, Jian Chen had already been cultivating on the spatial battleship for a decade. He did not take a single step out of the cabin during this time, devoting it all to cultivation. Even when the spatial battleship faced the attacks of space beasts and shook heavily, his cultivation continued.

With the fleshly core, Jian Chen was extremely confident about reaching the fourteenth layer. He was willing to bet his life on it.

Finally, a powerful pulse of energy suddenly erupted from the cabin where Jian Chen cultivated. The formations that Jian Chen had cast down in the past crumbled like paper before the energy, immediately shattering to pieces. The energy swept out with pressure like a storm, striking the walls of the cabin.

Immediately, formations flickered on the walls and locked all the energy within the cabin, preventing it from spreading outside.

The defences of the spatial battleship were extremely great. Even though the storm of energy was very powerful, the formations blocked it easily.

There were several high class cabins on the spatial battleship. Jian Chen happened to reside in one of them.

At this moment, in another cabin, Kai Ya's eyes suddenly snapped open. She stared in Jian Chen's direction with shining eyes as a smile gradually appeared on her face. She murmured, "Jian Chen has broken through again."

Afterwards, she seemed to think of something, and she became gloomy. She said downheartedly, "Jian Chen is becoming stronger and stronger now, but I'm struggling to make any progress at all. I always feel like there's a mysterious power preventing me from reaching a higher level of cultivation." Sighing softly, Kai Ya stood up and made her way out of the cabin.

Jian Chen had finished cultivating, so he walked out of the cabin where he cultivated in, standing in one of the common spaces on the spatial battleship.

His bearing varied drastically from before; this was due to a metamorphosis of his existence, a qualitative leap of his vital energies.

After ten years of secluded cultivation, his Chaotic Body finally advanced to the fourteenth layer. He had reached a new level of strength.

"My current cultivation is equivalent to a Third Heavenly layer Infinite Prime. Of course, that's only cultivation. In terms of battle prowess, I'll definitely be far beyond the Third Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime with the strength of my Chaotic Body," Jian Chen clenched his fist. As he sensed the terrifying energy surging through him, he became delighted.

Chapter 2396: Auctioning a God Artifact

The fourteenth layer of the Chaotic Body was equivalent to early Infinite Prime, but his battle prowess was on par with mid Infinite Primes.

Of course, mid Infinite Prime was divided into three smaller levels, which were the Fourth Heavenly Layer, Fifth Heavenly Layer, and Sixth Heavenly Layer.

He needed to find an opponent and fight before he could accurately determine which Heavenly Layer his battle prowess had reached now.

“Infinite Primes can be considered as experts in the Saints’ World. On any plane, they’re people of status. Even among those peak organisations that stand at the apex of planes, Infinite Primes have the right to speak.” Jian Chen’s mood was great. Even though he knew his current strength could not garner any attention from Grand Primes at all, his ability to stay alive when he faced such experts had improved at the very least.

“Jian Chen, there are still five more years before we reach the Star Brilliance Plane,” Kai Ya walked over and said to Jian Chen.

Jian Chen sucked in a deep breath and calmed himself from the excitement of breaking through. First, he sank into his thoughts after hearing Kai Ya’s words before replying, “I’ve kept two droplets of Gusta’s essence blood. I plan on exchanging them for some five-colored divine crystals once I get to the Star Brilliance Plane.”

“Moreover, there are a few more god artifacts in the Grand Prime’s Space Ring I obtained from the Neptunian Divine Palace. I do not need to worry about revealing these god artifacts with my current strength. I plan on auctioning them off on the Star Brilliance Plane. Once we have enough five-colored divine crystals, we can immediately take a teleportation formation to the Prosper Plane and return the Anatta Tower to the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng.”

To Jian Chen, the only way to get to the Prosper Plane was through a teleportation formation because it was just too far away. He could not afford to waste over ten thousand years travelling.

“As long as you return the Anatta Tower to the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, all the problems you face right now will be resolved. At that time, there will be no need for us to remain under disguise.” Kai Ya was eager as well.

Jian Chen nodded. If he returned the long-lost Anatta Tower to the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, his service would be so meritorious that even if the Heaven-splitting Ancestor wanted to lay his hands on him, he would need to consider the response from the first majesty, Yi Xin.

Most importantly, he would be powerful enough to return to the Cloud Plane.

“It has been so long. I wonder how the Tian Yuan clan is doing. Back in the past, I was forced off the Cloud Plane by the pursuit of vice-leader Huai An of the Empyrean Demon Cult. Now that my strength has completely exceeded his, I need to take revenge when I have the time...” Jian Chen thought. As soon as he thought about how he and Kai Ya had been chased off the Cloud Plane, he became filled with inconceivable fury and killing intent.

Even though he knew the great elder of the Empyrean Demon Cult was Mo Tianyun, he still planned on resolving his grievance with Huai An through bloodshed.

“Alright. I heard that there are members of quite a few large clans from the Jadefluid Plane on this spatial battleship. They seem to be heading to some celebration on the Star Brilliance Plane. Perhaps you could auction a god artifact on the spatial battleship,” Kai Ya suddenly said.

“I want five-colored divine crystals. Only Primordial realm experts possess five-colored divine crystals. If they’re Godkings, they might not have what I want even if they come from large clans,” said Jian Chen.

“The members of the large clans are taking part in a celebration on the Star Brilliance Plane. In reality, it’s just offering up gifts. They really might have five-colored divine crystals,” said Kai Ya. She would constantly move around on the spatial battleship during the time Jian Chen cultivated in seclusion. She had learnt a lot of information.

Jian Chen mulled over her words and said, “Fair enough. I’ll take out a god artifact then. If I can get all the five-colored divine crystals I need on the spatial battleship, that would obviously be for the best.”

Afterwards, Jian Chen and Kai Ya went to the auction centre.

The spatial battleship was extremely large, and it used the Laws of Space, making it bigger on the inside. As a result, it was nothing special for a single spatial battleship to hold millions of people and possess all sorts of facilities. It was basically a special type of city.

Before long, Jian Chen arrived at the largest store on the spatial battleship.

There were various items placed around the store. It had a superb collection such that the entire place was bedazzling. Many cultivators moved through the place, picking out items that they needed.

“I want to meet your manager. I have a large business deal to discuss with him,” said Jian Chen to one of the staff as soon as he entered the store. At the same time, he tossed out some supreme grade divine crystals.

When the staff member saw how extravagant Jian Chen was, he did not dare to tarry. He greeted Jian Chen and immediately called over the manager.

Very soon, a skinny, middle-aged man walked over. Under the guidance of the staff member, he arrived before Jian Chen.

“I am Yu Chen, the one responsible for this store. May I ask how I can refer to you?” The middle-aged man clasped his fist towards Jian Chen amiably as he seemed to give off the pressure of a Godking. He studied Jian Chen and Kai Ya covertly.

However, when he discovered that he could not see through Jian Chen or Kai Ya at all, and their expressions remained the same despite the pressure he accidentally gave off, he immediately became stern.

Jian Chen did not answer the question. With a flip of his hand, a large sword appeared. He said, “I want to auction this item. Will you take it or not?”

The entire store became illuminated the instance the two-handed sword appeared. The dazzling treasures all paled in comparison, having been suppressed by the sword's glow.

At the same time, the pressure of a god artifact radiated out, shocking everyone.

At that moment, the attention of everyone in the store was drawn over to the glowing sword.

"T- th- this..." The eyes of the manager of the store, Yu Chen, widened. He stared at the two-handed sword in shock as he became stunned.

However, he returned to his senses before long. Ignoring his shock, he immediately used a cloth to cover the sword.

His cloth was also a treasure. It was of an impressive quality and could conceal presences. Under the cloth, the glow and the pressure from the two-handed sword immediately vanished. It had all been covered up.

"Please come in; please come in. We'll talk in the room for guests." Immediately, Yu Chen became excited. His eyes lit up, and he became even more enthusiastic, inviting Jian Chen and Kai Ya into a better room in a hurry.

"A god artifact. That's a god artifact..."

"Someone is auctioning a god artifact. That's startling news..."

"Heavens, that's a god artifact. I heard that even many Primordial realm experts don't possess one..."

After Jian Chen, Kai Ya, and Yu Chen had vanished, a fervent discussion immediately broke out. No one was in the mood to pick treasures for themselves anymore. The god artifact had become the centre of their conversations as they talked enthusiastically.

Chapter 2397: Disturbance

At this moment, in a well-decorated room specially used to receive the most esteemed guests on the top floor of the store, the manager, Yu Chen, sat with Jian Chen and Kai Ya.

"This sword is a low quality god artifact. Are you certain you want to auction it off?"

All the formations had been activated in the room, concealing everything within it. Yu Chen held the huge sword as he rubbed it affectionately. He was infatuated with it.

He seemed like he was touching something he loved the most.

Jian Chen nodded and said indifferently, "I want to exchange this god artifact for five-colored divine crystals. Remember, I only want five-colored divine crystals."

Yu Chen's heart shuddered when he heard that. He thought, "Five-colored divine crystals are only used by Primordial realm experts for cultivation and taking teleportation formations between planes. Is this person a hidden Primordial realm expert?"

Although that was what he thought, Yu Chen showed none of it on his face. Immediately, he agreed, and he even began treating them with more politeness.

He was unable to tell Jian Chen's strength, but when he saw him take out a god artifact casually, he understood that even if Jian Chen was not a Primordial realm expert, he would surely have extremely astonishing origins.

Next, they discussed the details. After that, Jian Chen left the god artifact with Yu Chen and returned to the cabin with Kai Ya.

Shortly afterwards, the news of a god artifact being auctioned off soon spread across the entire spatial battleship through the advertising power of the shop. Immediately, the matter caused a huge uproar on the spatial battleship.

After all, basically all of the cultivators on the spatial battleship were at Godhood. There were probably only a handful of Primordial realm experts. Now, a god artifact that even some Primordial realm experts did not possess had been tossed into a group of Godhood cultivators. Obviously, they had all become crazed for the god artifact.

"What did you say? A low quality god artifact is about to be auctioned off?" A young man's voice rang out from an extremely extravagant cavern high up on the spatial battleship. "A god artifact has actually appeared. Fantastic. Our clan just happens to be offering up a treasure that does not stand out at all for the young star lord's thousand year birthday celebration. Let's use this god artifact as the gift instead. Elder He, we have to get the god artifact."

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"Go investigate who the owner of the god artifact is. If we gift a god artifact for the young star lord's thousand year birthday celebration on the Star Brilliance Plane, it'll be far better than the gift we've prepared. Although a mere god artifact is nothing to the young star lord with his status, it'll show off our clan a little," a powerful voice boomed out from another luxurious cabin.

"Wei Shao, the person auctioning the god artifact stated that he only wants five-colored divine crystals. Aside from being used for teleportation formations between planes, five-colored divine crystals are only used for cultivation by Primordial realm experts. They're extremely likely to be a Primordial realm expert, so it's best if we don't provoke them. The five-colored divine crystals on me are nowhere enough to buy a low quality god artifact," an old man smiled bitterly.

"There aren't many Primordial realm experts on this spatial battleship at all. Moreover, how many of them would be willing to sell a god artifact? Go find the exact location of the person on the spatial battleship, and then use the name of our clan to buy the god artifact for a low price," said the young man referred to as Wei Shao.

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At the same time, six old men sat in the air within a large room on the highest floor of the spatial battleship. Every single one of them possessed tremendous presences. Their old bodies hid extremely great power as if even the slightest gestures from them would possess devastating might.

The six old men were the protectors of the spatial battleship, the peak figures who watched over it. They protected the vehicle as it moved through outer space. They were all Infinite Primes.

“Interesting. There’s actually someone who wants to auction off a god artifact...” said one of the old men in interest.

“The person who wants to auction off the god artifact resides in a high class cabin. He shouldn’t be a Primordial realm expert because all Primordial realm experts, even if they have only broken through recently, are allowed to occupy a luxurious cabin free of cost. The person who’s selling the god artifact used supreme grade divine crystals to purchase a high class cabin, so he should be a Godking,” said another man. With a single thought, he learnt all the information that Jian Chen had provided when he boarded the spatial battleship.

The light in the eyes of a burly Primordial realm expert immediately flickered with excitement. He snickered and said, “The god artifact is a huge sword, which just happens to be perfect for me. I haven’t gotten my hands on a god artifact yet, so this god artifact will be mine.”

With that, a huge sword appeared in his hand. It was similar to the god artifact that Jian Chen wanted to sell, except for the fact that it was only a supreme quality saint artifact.

Although the old man was an Infinite Prime, he did not possess a god artifact.

“You’ve served the Float Empire of the Jadedfluid Plane for far too short. You don’t have enough merit. If you wait for another few tens of thousand years, you should be able to exchange the merit you gathered through your services for a low quality god artifact,” a companion said from beside him.

The burly old man shook his head and replied, “A few tens of thousand years is a little too long. Who knows when I might die when I have to face space beasts in battle constantly as I watch over spatial battleships. The sooner I get a god artifact, the better it is. Only with greater strength will I have a higher chance of surviving and making it further.”

With that, the burly old man stood up and said, “I’ll go find the person and try to get the god artifact from him before it goes on auction. Otherwise, there’ll probably be no chance for me with the wealth I have on me once it goes up on auction...”

“Fa Yun, you serve the Float Empire, and this spatial battleship is the Float Empire’s property. At the same time, there are rules set down by the Float Empire. You must not break them and make things difficult for us...”

“I know what I can and can’t do.”

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The disturbance from the auctioning of a god artifact continued to build up, and Jian Chen’s cabin had already been discovered by a few people of extraordinary origins through their various methods.

As a result, people constantly visited where Jian Chen stayed. Most of them possessed great backgrounds and directly expressed their interest in buying the god artifact from Jian Chen through a private deal or exchanging for it with heavenly resources.

Jian Chen did not turn them away.

"I only want five-colored divine crystals. I don't need anything else apart from five-colored divine crystals," Jian Chen said emotionlessly to a middle-aged man who had visited him. Who knows how many times he had said that already.

"Sir, we don't have five-colored divine crystals right now, but the senior of our Myriad Water Estate does have quite a lot. You should know about the Myriad Water Estate of the Jadedfluid Plane, right? We're a large, renowned organisation. You can give us the god artifact first, and the seniors of our Myriad Water Estate will go to the Star Brilliance Plane before long and give you the five-colored divine crystals," a middle-aged man said before Jian Chen. He spoke amiably, but there was also undisguised arrogance.

"I refuse." Jian Chen gestured for him to leave. He no longer discussed terms with him, directly asking him to leave.

"Sir, don't you trust and recognise our Myriad Water Estate?" The middle-aged man's face sank.

Chapter 2398: The Primordial Realm Expert

"I only recognise five-colored divine crystals. If you don't have enough five-colored divine crystals on you right now, please leave," Jian Chen stressed once again. He showed no respect, leaving no room for negotiation.

The middle-aged man from the Myriad Water Estate was immediately angered. Cold light filled his eyes, and he said, "Sir, are you looking down on our Myriad Water Estate?"

"Sir, please leave," Kai Ya said indifferent from beside Jian Chen, gesturing for the man to leave.

Jian Chen remained seated with his eyes closed. He did not say anything more. He did not waver at all.

"Hmph!" The middle-aged man glanced past Jian Chen with a glare and snorted coldly before turning around dramatically and leaving.

The rules of the spatial battleship were strict. They openly forbid fights outside the arena. Even the Myriad Water Estate, an organisation on the same level, did not dare to disobey the rules set down by the renowned Float Empire so easily.

"Jian Chen, looks like the results aren't ideal." Kai Ya arrived before Jian Chen and sat down after the middle-aged man had left. She looked at Jian Chen and sighed gently.

"There's only a handful of Primordial realm experts on the spatial battleship and five-colored divine crystals tend to be in their possession as well. There will obviously be a certain level of difficulty if I expect these Godkings to pay a satisfactory price," Jian Chen said slowly. He understood just how valuable five-colored divine crystals were.

Back on the Cloud Plane, fairy Hao Yue had even gone as far as to take personal action and eliminate a powerful enemy for someone else just to gather up enough five-colored divine crystals to return to the Moon God Hall.

Evidently, even to Primordial realm experts, five-colored divine crystals were very valuable.

"I still have a few god artifacts on me. I planned on selling a few of them to get some five-colored divine crystals, but it looks like I was a little too hopeful. Now, I can only wait for the auction to start. I hope that the Infinite Primes on the spatial battleship don't disappoint me," Jian Chen said softly. He kept his eyes closed the entire time and did not move at all. It was like he was meditating.

Before long, there was a sudden flash before Jian Chen, and an extremely burly, three metre tall old man silently appeared.

The old man was especially large. He was like a small giant. Jian Chen seemed insignificant as he sat before him.

The old man studied Jian Chen, and the light in his eyes flickered. "Hehe, I am Fa Yun, and I serve the Float Empire. I am one of the protectors of this spatial battleship."

Jian Chen slowly opened his eyes and stared at Fa Yun calmly. He said, "You must have come for the god artifact as well. Do you have enough five-colored divine crystals?"

"I obviously have five-colored divine crystals," said Fa Yun with a snicker. With a flip of his hand, a huge gourd half a meter tall appeared. He said to Jian Chen, "There's wine that I've personally made in this gourd. I used nine hundred and ninety-nine renowned heavenly resources and a thousand years to make it. It's my proudest work. Come, try my wine first, and then we can talk about the matter of exchanging slowly."

Before Jian Chen could reply, Fa Yun swung his hand, and the huge gourd immediately flew towards Jian Chen.

It was more like smashing instead of flying because the gourd moved just too quickly. Anyone could tell that it was smashing towards Jian Chen.

Powerful energy was contained within the gourd as well. Although it did not possess killing intent, it was enough to make any Godking suffer greatly and become disheveled.

Clearly, Fa Yun wanted to use this to test Jian Chen.

Jian Chen's face did not change. He extended his right hand at a steady but lightning-fast pace and firmly caught the wine gourd before patting its side gently. Immediately, a stream of wine as thick as a finger shot out and landed in his mouth with great accuracy.

Jian Chen did not stand up throughout the entire process. He remained seated, as still as a mountain, with a calm expression.

Fa Yun's eyes immediately narrowed when he witnessed this.

"What good wine! It truly is aged." Jian Chen praised from the bottom of his heart before patting the gourd gently again. Immediately, it 'flew' back to Fa Yun with the same speed. Clearly, Jian Chen was returning it to him.

However, when Fa Yun caught the gourd, his old eyes immediately lit up. His body shook and having been caught off guard, he was almost pushed backwards.

“The Primordial realm!” Fa Yun cried out as surprise filled his face. His gaze towards Jian Chen underwent an overwhelming change.

“I’ve tried your wine, so let’s talk about the price. May I ask just how many five-colored divine crystals you’ve prepared?” Jian Chen asked.

“You really have hidden well. I never thought you would be a Primordial realm expert yet reside in a high class cabin. It has truly surprised me,” Fa Yun said. Immediately, he changed his attitude after learning that Jian Chen was a Primordial realm expert.

Although he failed to discover Jian Chen’s strength, just being a Primordial realm expert was enough for Jian Chen to stand on equal ground with him.

Fa Yun sat down slowly before Jian Chen, but even when he was seated, Jian Chen needed to raise his head slightly to make eye contact.

“I have around five hundred five-colored divine crystals on me right now,” Fa Yun said after hesitating for a while.

Jian Chen frowned when he heard that. His voice became rather serious, and he said, “Only five hundred? That’s nowhere near enough. A low quality god artifact is worth far more than that.”

Fa Yun fell silent. Originally, he planned on overwhelming Jian Chen with his identity as a Primordial realm expert and buy the god artifact from him at a lower price.

But in the end, he never expected Jian Chen to be a Primordial realm expert as well, so his earlier thoughts clearly would not work out.

“I’ll find a way to gather some more five-colored divine crystals.” With that, Fa Yun directly left.

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During the next few days, the people who visited Jian Chen gradually decreased. Everyone had learnt that Jian Chen was stubborn. He only wanted five-colored divine crystals and left no room for negotiation, so they obviously did not visit him again.

Of course, Jian Chen offended quite a few people during those days. There were even a few people with larger backgrounds who directly threatened him.

Fa Yun did not go to find Jian Chen in the next few days either.

In the blink of an eye, the day of the auction arrived. The god artifact from Jian Chen was placed in the auction centre, shining with dazzling light. Powerful formations protected it, preventing anyone from stealing it.

The surroundings were absolutely packed. Everyone stared at the god artifact with undisguised interest and desire.

Jian Chen and Kai Ya had arrived in a viewing box specially prepared for them, paying close attention to the activity of the auction.

All the authoritative people on the spatial battleship had gathered as well; they were seated in various viewing boxes.

“Jian Chen, I feel like your auction this time won’t be very successful. There might be a few people who will secretly interfere with it,” Kai Ya sat before Jian Chen in the viewing box and said with some worry.

“Let’s wait and see,” Jian Chen remained calm instead. He was already a Primordial realm expert, and he was not as weak as someone who had just reached the Primordial realm. He was confident enough about facing all the problems that would occur.

After all, even the strongest on the spatial battleship were Infinite Primes. It was impossible for Chaotic Primes to be here.

Chapter 2399: The Darkness Clan

Seeing how confident Jian Chen was and that he feared nothing, Kai Ya immediately eased up.

Indeed, Jian Chen had become even more powerful after his breakthrough, making him a peak expert on this spatial battleship. There was truly no need for him to be overly fearful here.

This was because strength was the supreme law that decided everything. Before great strength, all schemes and plans would become irrelevant.

At the same time, the most important members of the spatial battleship, the Primordial realm experts who watched over the ship, also gathered together. They sat in the air and paid close attention to everything to do with the auction.

The burly Fa Yun was among them.

“I never thought he would actually be at the Primordial realm. It’s a pity that he has purposefully masked himself, so we can’t see through his strength. Fa Yun, did you manage to find out about that?” asked one of the old men.

The burly Fa Yun, who sat there like a hill, shook his head gently. He said, “I could not figure out his strength from the simple test before. However, I feel like he’s no weaker than me.”

“In other words, this person is a Second Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime at the very least...”

“Since he’s also a Primordial realm expert, it’s probably impossible for you to buy the god artifact with a cheap price, Fa Yun...”

Fa Yun smiled mysteriously when he heard that. He said, “It’s not just me who wants the god artifact. The members of the large clans have already interfered with the entire procession secretly. They’ve controlled the auction centre through the influence of their clans. The price of the god artifact won’t be high. It’s a perfect opportunity for me. However, I might have to borrow some five-colored divine crystals from you all.”

“Yeah. No matter how low the price is, it can’t go overboard. It would not matter too much if he was just a Godking with no background, but he’s a Primordial realm expert after all...”

The protectors of the spatial battleship were clearly cautious when they faced a fellow Primordial realm expert. They did not want to offend him over something as small as a few five-colored divine crystals.

Now, the auction had formally begun. A beautiful young woman stood on the stage, hosting the auction by introducing each auctioned treasure in great detail, making the various cultivators below contend for it.

The god artifact had been designated as the core item of the auction, so it was obviously placed at the end. As a result, the items auctioned first were items that did not interest Primordial realm experts at all. They were only effective for Godhood cultivators.

However, even with that being the case, many Godhood cultivators took part in the auction. It was a bustling scene.

Jian Chen remained as calm as still water within his viewing box, sitting there and waiting patiently. He did not take part in the bids for any item because all of them had become useless to him now.

A few other viewing boxes waited in a similar manner, without participating in the bidding wars.

They had only come for one purpose, and that was for the low quality god artifact that would appear.

Finally, after three days, the auction approached its end.

“Everyone, what we will be auctioning next will be the core treasure of our auction this time, a low quality god artifact...” As the host said that, the entire auction centre immediately fell quiet. At that moment, everyone held their breaths as burning interest filled their eyes.

“It’s said that even many Infinite Primes don’t possess a god artifact, which is more than enough to show just how precious a god artifact is. Its price can even be described as inestimable. It is truly an invaluable treasure...” said the host excitedly from the stage. Her pleasant, chime-like voice was infectious, making all the Godhood cultivators feel their blood flow faster.

“This god artifact can only be bid on with five-colored divine crystals. Due to god artifacts being far too precious, setting a reserve price would be sullyng their fame. As a result, the auction for this god artifact will be slightly different from the other items. There will be no reserve price. Only like this can it truly be regarded as a priceless treasure. We won’t dirty the name of god artifacts...”

“What? They only accept five-colored divine crystals? Where are we supposed to find five-colored divine crystals...”

“This is far too unfair. Why is it restricted to five-colored divine crystals? Can’t we use supreme grade divine crystals?”

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With that, an uproar immediately broke out in the auction centre. Not all the cultivators had contacted Jian Chen, so they obviously had no idea that only five-colored divine crystal would be accepted as bids. Now that they had suddenly heard this, the cultivators who had prepared a large quantity of supreme grade divine crystals and heavenly resources naturally struggled to accept the situation.

Jian Chen opened his eyes slowly at that moment. His face sank slightly, and a sliver of coldness flashed through his eyes. He said, "No reserve price? Doesn't that mean that if no one bids for the god artifact, it'll be sold for an extremely low price in the end?"

Kai Ya was also angered. She said furiously, "It must be the handiwork of those large clans. My worry is that the large clans have secretly reached an agreement with one another, sending only a single person to bid and buy the god artifact."

"The Darkness clan from the central region of the Jadefluid Plane bids ten five-colored divine crystals..."

At this moment, a call rang out from one of the viewing boxes. It came from a young man who directly declared his background.

"The Darkness clan of the Jadefluid Plane is the last peak clan you would want to offend. I heard that the darkness bloodline that has existed since the ancient times flows through the veins of the Darkness clan. The bloodline allows them to have a natural advantage in comprehending the Laws of Darkness, making them natural kings in the dark..."

"The Darkness clan is a clan known for their assassins. They're very powerful..."

Muffled discussions immediately started in the surroundings of the auction.

After the person from the Darkness clan had bid, no one else decided to contend.

"Ten five-colored divine crystals..." Jian Chen murmured. As expected, the large clans had reached a secret agreement to not engage in a bidding war and prevent the price from rising. In the end, they wanted to purchase the god artifact at the lowest cost possible.

Who the god artifact ended up with was not Jian Chen's concern.

"The Darkness clan has bid ten five-colored divine crystals. Are there any higher prices? Ten five-colored divine crystals going once..." said the auction host.

"Is this priceless god artifact really going to be purchased for ten five-colored divine crystals..."

"Ten five-colored divine crystals is equivalent to ten million supreme quality divine crystals, which is ten blocks. Buying a god artifact with ten blocks of supreme quality divine crystals is ripping them off..."

"God dammit. If it weren't for the fact that five-colored divine crystals can't be exchanged here, I can take out several dozen of them easily, and I'll be able to contend with the bid..."

Many Godhood experts were filled with great pity. They found pity in how cheap the god artifact was.

Originally, they thought the god artifact would be pushed up to a stunning price, but unexpectedly, someone only offered ten five-colored divine crystals. The price was not even a hundredth of its real value.

"Ten five-colored divine crystals going twice. Is there anyone else who wants to bid..." The host called out once again. Her voice was filled with powerlessness.

The Infinite Primes gathered at the top of the spatial battleship all shook their heads.

“The Darkness clan is just too vicious. This is a god artifact, yet they only offered ten five-colored divine crystals. T- that’s basically sullyng the value of a god artifact...”

“The Darkness clan has indeed gone a little too far...”

The Infinite Primes all stated their thoughts.

Chapter 2400: Under Attack in Outer Space (One)

Fa Yun sank into his thoughts. He furrowed his brows as the light in his eyes flickered. He seemed to be faced with an intense dilemma.

He was a Primordial realm expert, yet he still used a supreme quality saint artifact. Now, a god artifact had appeared, and it was a two-handed sword. Such a weapon suited him the most. He dreamed of possessing a suitable god artifact like this, so he had already made up his mind about obtaining it.

If he wielded a god artifact, his strength would directly rise to a new level, allowing his battle prowess to increase dramatically.

Moreover, he was already prepared to take part in the bidding war against the large clans.

Although the large clans were renowned on the Jadedfluid Plane, he had the support of the Float Empire. He did not need to fear the descendants and juniors of those large clans because he served the Float Empire.

This was because the peak organisations would never offend a Primordial realm expert for a low quality god artifact.

However, he never expected the people to bid to be the Darkness clan.

The Darkness clan ranked third on the Jadedfluid Plane, making them even more powerful than the Float Empire which ranked fourth. Every single member of the clan was skilled with the Laws of Darkness, and all of them were masterful assassins. They were truly lawless on the Jadedfluid Plane and were a bad target to provoke.

Fa Yun did not need to fear the juniors of other peak clans because he served the Float Empire, but that did not include the Darkness clan.

“Fa Yun, are you still going to bid for the god artifact?” asked a Primordial realm companion beside him.

Fa Yun remained silently. He was conflicted inside.

The Darkness clan was not reasonable. As soon as he bid a price, he would be directly offending the Darkness clan.

At this moment, a few people of various ages were gathered in the viewing box of the Darkness clan. Among them was a handsome young man who seemed to be in his twenties.

The young man was the leader of the group. Even though he was only an early Godking, his status was extremely great.

He was the thirteenth son of the current patriarch of the Darkness clan, Anye Jiuyou.

Anye Jiuyou's talent was clear since a young age, cultivating to early Godking in just five thousand years. He was the most resplendent star in the current Darkness clan and was treated with great significance.

"Young master Jiuyou, looks like the god artifact is ours. Buying a low quality god artifact with ten five-colored divine crystals is glorious for young master Jiuyou," said a middle-aged man. He smiled with great politeness from beside Anye Jiuyou.

Anye Jiuyou remained calm. He showed no joy at all as if this was nothing significant to him. He said coldly, "The people from the clans of the Jadedfluid Plane sure are obedient."

"Young master Jiuyou will take command of our Darkness clan in the future. Even if these people were bolder, they would never offend young master Jiuyou," said the middle-aged man, flattering the young man.

With that, an old man seated there as well opened his eyes. He glanced at the middle-aged man in great disgust and said, "I'm afraid the owner of the god artifact won't just let it go like this."

The eyes of Anye Jiuyou turned cold. He said, "So what? I've followed the rules of the auction and won it righteously. If he has any problems, he can come find me."

"Young master Jiuyou, have you ever considered that we might have guessed wrong, and they're not really a Godking but a Primordial realm expert?" asked the old man sternly.

"So what if he's a Primordial realm expert? Primordial realm experts who remain in the high class cabins are often the most useless Primordial realm experts. If he has any problems, he's more than welcome to come and find me," Anye Jiuyou said arrogantly. He completely looked down on the seller.

The old man sighed gently and thought, "It would be fine if he's just a Godking. We can just kill him in that case. However, if he's a Primordial realm expert, offending him over a low quality god artifact isn't a clever decision."

Anye Jiuyou sneered and said, "Moreover, I'm certain that he won't have the courage. Even the organisations that rank first and second on the Jadedfluid Plane have to show our Darkness clan respect..."

However, as soon as Anye Jiuyou said that, a voice rang out.

"Hold on! This god artifact won't be sold for anything less than five thousand five-colored divine crystals!"

Jian Chen had spoken from his viewing box. His voice was very calm. It rang across the entire auction centre and clearly left no room for negotiation.

How could he let his low quality god artifact be bought for a low price of just ten five-colored divine crystals?

His voice immediately silenced the entire auction centre. Even the host became stunned.

Jian Chen's attitude was so firm that he even ignored the rules of the action centre.

The price of any item would be decided through the auction. Even if the seller wanted to request a certain price, he would have to do it before the auction started and not now when the item was about to be sold.

This completely broke the rules of the auction centre.

Anye Jiuyou's face sank in the viewing box of the Darkness clan. Coldness appeared in his eyes.

"I know this voice. It's the person who brought out the god artifact," said the middle-aged man who had been sucking up to the young master.

"Hmph," Anye Jiuyou snorted coldly. He growled and said, "My Darkness clan has already bid. Sir, you're raising the price on the spot, right after our Darkness clan has bid. Are you purposefully creating problems for our Darkness clan? Moreover, the auction centre has its rules. I advise you to respect those rules."

"Rules? Are the rules of the auction centre removing the reserve price and collaborating with other such that items can be sold at extremely low prices? If those are the rules of the auction centre, is there even a need to follow them? Will anyone be bold enough to sell their items here in the future?" Jian Chen said righteously.

With that, a buzz immediately filled the auction centre. All the people present discussed among themselves quietly. They all blamed the auction centre.

What was happening right now was clear to everyone. A precious god artifact had only reached ten five-colored divine crystals, and no one else placed a bid. It was basically obvious that someone was pulling strings. Where was the fairness?

"Five thousand five-colored divine crystals is the reserve price for this god artifact. Everyone is welcome to continue bidding..." Jian Chen said once again. He ignored the auction centre and the Darkness clan, setting down his own rule.

"How bold of this person to not even fear the Darkness clan," murmured the middle-aged man from the Myriad Water Estate who had spoken to Jian Chen threateningly a few days ago.

"It's very likely that he's at the Primordial realm," said the old man to Anye Jiuyou.

Killing intent immediately filled Anye Jiuyou's eyes. Suddenly, he looked at the old man and said icily, "Go ask the Spectral Elder to take action. Anyone who ignores our Darkness clan cannot be permitted to live."