

## Chaotic 2531

### Chapter 2531: Nubis in Danger

Jian Chen frowned from that as his heart became rather heavy.

He had already witnessed the strength of the first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng. When he fused with the Samsaric Immortal Exalt's soul back in the Neptunean Divine Palace, he had praised the first majesty that she was only a step away from becoming a Grand Exalt.

In other words, the first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, Yi Xin, was extremely close to becoming a Grand Exalt.

However, she actually struggled to kill the Heaven-splitting Ancestor, which reflected the strength of the Heaven-splitting Ancestor instead.

"They really are Ninth Heavenly Layer Grand Primes after all! Every single supreme expert like that was a supreme prodigy who stood invincible among their cultivation level in the past." Jian Chen was secretly amazed. He gained a new understanding of the Heaven-splitting Ancestor's strength.

"Ninth majesty, it is no longer safe for you to remain in the Tian Yuan clan, as the Heaven-splitting Ancestor came for you," Ming Xie said to Ming Dong sternly. He was responsible for Ming Dong's safety. Now that the Heaven-splitting Ancestor eyed Ming Dong, it made Ming Xie extremely uneasy.

There would be nothing he could do before a supreme expert only second to Grand Exalts.

"He's come for me? Because my first senior sister is hunting him down?" Ming Dong replied rather sternly with questions.

"That's right. The Heaven-splitting Ancestor has already been hunted down by the first majesty for several decades now. This matter has already spread across the Saints' World. It has been a great hit to the Heaven-splitting Ancestors name, basically humiliating him completely. As a result, the Heaven-splitting Ancestor feels resentment and plans on laying his hands on you. He wants to either capture you or kill you for what he is going through."

"After all, anyone would hold resentment after being chased around for several decades, let alone someone as great as the Heaven-splitting Ancestor," said Ming Xie.

"But isn't my master present? I refuse to believe he'll really be able to kill me. And first senior sister is there as well. I'll just stay here," Ming Dong said stubbornly.

At this moment, an attendant reported that the leaders of the Four Symbols Alliance and the Righteous Alliance had come to visit. Even the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak was present.

After all, all the Primordial realm experts on the Cloud Plane had witnessed what happened just then. A supreme experts wanted to attack the Tian Yuan clan, but he was stopped by another supreme expert.

Moreover, the Heaven-splitting Ancestor had already been identified out of the two of them. The other person's identity became obvious.

After all, the first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng's pursuit of the Heaven-splitting Ancestor had already raised quite the hubbub in the Saints' World. Everyone learnt about it several decades ago.

A battle at such a level was just too terrifying and shocking. It was impossible to hide it. As long as they passed near a plane, abnormalities would occur in the sky of the plane, allowing everyone on there to sense what was happening.

As a result, all the supreme experts of the Cloud Plane understood that it was the first majesty hunting down the Heaven-splitting Ancestor, and they realised the Heaven-splitting Ancestor wanted to target Ming Dong.

This made the peak experts of the Cloud Plane even less inclined towards provoking Ming Dong instead.

Ming Dong naturally ignored their visit, but Jian Chen was unable to turn a blind eye to them. He received them as the patriarch of the Tian Yuan clan.

After all, they were extremely influential figures on the Cloud Plane. He could not give them the cold shoulder.

"The first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng cares for Ming Dong so much. It looks like Ming Dong is definitely the first majesty's disciple..."

"The first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng has hunted down the Heaven-splitting Ancestor for so long, but never have we heard of her using the Authority of the Grand Exalt. When the Heaven-splitting Ancestor attacked the Tian Yuan clan earlier, he directly infuriated her, making her use a trump card like the Authority of the Grand Exalt. That's more than enough to show just how much the first majesty cares for Ming Dong..."

"We need to treat Ming Dong carefully. If we can establish ties with the Heaven Palace of Bisheng, it will be a great joyous matter..."

The visiting leaders discussed with one another secretly.

None of them knew Ming Dong's true identity. They subconsciously believed he was the disciples of the first majesty.

Just as Jian Chen was receiving the leaders of the two alliances, an unwelcomed guest appeared in the forbidden grounds of the Tian Yuan clan.

It was a woman. She was beautiful and extremely quiet. She seemed otherworldly in her white dress. She appeared before Ming Dong all of a sudden. The powerful formations that Ming Xie had cast around the Tian Yuan clan were basically non-existent before her.

"Eighth senior sister, why've you come?" Ming Dong's face immediately lit up happily when he saw the woman.

In the years he spent in the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, he was the most familiar with his eighth senior sister, Bai Rong. At the same time, Bai Rong was the one who had guided him the most.

"Greetings to the eighth majesty!" Ming Xie bowed from beside Ming Dong, and even Yun Xiaoyan showed respect.

“Ninth junior, the Heaven-splitting Ancestor has begun eyeing you. It’s time for you to return. It’s no longer safe for you to remain outside.” The first thing that Bai Rong said was for Ming Dong to return. She spoke indifferently and very softly. She did not treat the Heaven-splitting Ancestor like he was a big deal, but she dared not overlook him either.

Ming Dong refused without any hesitation. He insisted on staying in the Tian Yuan clan, and he even brought up their master.

Bai Rong sighed gently and showed powerlessness. “Although master has already recovered and master’s will can descend anywhere to protect you, you know exactly what kind of existence master is. As disciples, we should not create a lot of trouble for master. Eighth junior, I won’t force you to leave since you insist on staying, but I would advise you to leave soon.”

With that, Bai Rong departed. Just like how she had come, she left silently, without leaving behind a single trace at all.

In the blink of an eye, a year had passed. During that year, everything remained the same on the Cloud Plane. Nothing changed. However, the Tian Yuan clan did continue to expand rapidly. It held a very great status, and its heritage gradually deepened from the tremendous amount of resources and heavenly resources from the Heavenly Moon Empire.

The first majesty of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, Yi Xin, continued to hunt down the Heaven-splitting Ancestor in outer space. This matter became a hot topic among all the Primordial realm experts in the Saints’ World. They all guessed at the reason.

It had been a year since Nubis and protector Xue went to the Delight Plane as well. They still had not returned.

On this day, Jian Chen sat in his residence and cultivated within the clan. However, his eyes suddenly snapped open, and three pieces of jade appeared in his hand. They had all been crushed.

Jian Chen’s face immediately sank when he saw the crushed jade talismans.

Before Nubis left, he had given Nubis three talismans that were mutually linked. If one was crushed, it meant he needed reinforcement.

If two were crushed, it meant that he was in danger and needed help.

If three were crushed, it meant that he faced an extremely dangerous situation, where his life was in danger.

“Nubis is in danger!”

Jian Chen’s heart tightened when he saw the three crushed jade talismans. He immediately stopped cultivating and vanished from his residence silently.

“All protectors gather as quickly as possible!” At the same time, Jian Chen passed down an order to summon all the Primordial realm experts in the clan.

With that, all the Primordial realm protectors put down their matters and emerged from cultivation, appearing before Jian Chen as quickly as possible.

The patriarch's order had a completely different effect compared to the past. When Jian Chen used it the first time, it took them several minutes for fifteen Primordial realm experts to gather in the main hall.

But this time, in less than five seconds, all the Primordial realm protectors arrived before him, awaiting his orders.

"Senior Xu!" Jian Chen stood there emotionlessly with a sunken face as he contacted Xu Ran.

With that, Xu Ran appeared before him. She looked at Jian Chen calmly and asked, "Have you come across any problems?"

Xu Ran's arrival surprised all the Primordial realm protectors there.

"Has something big happened? The patriarch has even called over senior Xu," the Primordial realm protectors were in doubt.

Chapter 2532: A Sly Old Fox

"Nubis' life is in danger. He has asked for help. Protector Xue accompanied him, but even protector Xue with his cultivation as a Seventh Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime can't handle the problem. I can only ask senior Xu to accompany me to the Delight Plane just in case." Jian Chen clasped his fist.

Xu Ran nodded. Her expression did not change as she asked, "When do we set off?"

"The situation is extremely urgent. We need to set off immediately." Jian Chen immediately passed down an order. Jian Chen, Xu Ran, and all the Primordial realm protectors left the Tian Yuan clan in an imposing manner.

Originally, only the central region of the Cloud Plane had interplanar teleportation formations, but ever since the Four Symbols Alliance settled down in the southern region, they expended a tremendous amount of resources to build one in the southern region as well. It happened to be in the imperial capital of the Blood Sun Empire.

When the patriarch of the Tian Yuan clan arrived in the Blood Sun Empire with such a large group of Primordial realm experts, he immediately alarmed the emperor of the Blood Sun Empire. He ventured out from the imperial palace personally, and even the upper echelon of the Four Symbols Alliance paid close attention.

Of course, the person who became the most worried and afraid by Jian Chen's sudden arrival in the imperial city was the ninth prince.

"What did you say? The patriarch of the Tian Yuan clan, Jian Chen, has suddenly appeared in the imperial city with a group of Primordial realm experts?" The ninth prince immediately became restless when he received the news. He became unsettled as he paced around in his residence.

When he pursued the matter of the Flower of Ways in the past, he had almost destroyed the Tian Yuan clan. If it were not for the sudden arrival of the emperor of the Xi Empire at a critical moment, saving the clan, the name of the Tian Yuan clan would probably cease to exist in the southern region.

As a result, his grievances with the Tian Yuan clan ran very deep.

Now that he learnt that Jian Chen had come to the Blood Sun Empire, the ninth prince would obviously become utterly panic-stricken.

“I have an agreement with princess Xi Yu of the Xi Empire for a battle to the death in ten thousand years’ time. It’s not very likely for Jian Chen to kill me during those ten thousand years,” the ninth prince thought to himself. He clenched his hands as he broke out into a cold sweat. He was extremely nervous.

He could only comfort himself like that now.

He understood just how great of a status the patriarch of the Tian Yuan clan possessed. Because of Ming Dong, both the Four Symbols Alliance and the Righteous Alliance did their best to befriend them, not daring to offend them.

Their Blood Sun Empire was only one of the organisations under the Four Symbols Alliance. Honestly, they were equivalent to the Four Symbols Alliance’s dog. With Jian Chen’s status as the patriarch of the Tian Yuan clan, even executing the current emperor was nothing difficult, let alone a prince who had lost power.

The Blood Emperor had already arrived before Jian Chen as quickly as he could. Very soon, he learnt that Jian Chen wanted to take the teleportation to the Delight Plane, so he immediately let out a breath in relief. He personally saw Jian Chen off, letting him use the teleportation formation for free.

Very soon, the group left the Cloud Plane through the teleportation formation.

“What? The patriarch of the Tian Yuan clan has left? He has left the Cloud Plane? He hasn’t come for me?”

The news reached the ninth prince very soon, which immediately overjoyed him. He finally relaxed, feeling like he had just survived a disaster.

“It looks like the patriarch of the Tian Yuan clan also wants to wait for the battle between me and Xi Yu in ten thousand years’ time. It’s very unlikely for me to survive, but there’s still quite some time before the agreed period.” The ninth prince exhaled deeply before asking a female attendant beside him, “Huang Huan, how many years are there till my battle against princess Xi Yu?”

“Your highness, there are still over nine thousand and nine hundred years...” The female attendant replied.

“Over nine thousand and nine hundred years...” The ninth prince murmured softly. He was gloomy. Was that all the time he had left?

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In a bustling city within the central region of the Delight Plane, the interplanar teleportation formation suddenly lit up in the large square. When the light completely dispersed, Jian Chen, Xu Ran, and the protectors of the Tian Yuan clan all stood in there.

They did not want to raise too much attention with their visit this time, so they all concealed their presences, preventing the other cultivators from seeing their cultivation.

“Hei Ya, immediately locate them,” Jian Chen was burning with anxiety. Before he had even emerged from the teleportation formation, he had already ordered Hei Ya.

Nubis had crushed the three jade talismans, so his situation was extremely urgent. He could die at any moment, so they could not afford to waste any time at all.

Hei Ya could see how worried Jian Chen was as well. He nodded and closed his eyes without saying anything else, using his innate ability.

He had seen all the important members of the Tian Yuan clan before, so finding Nubis and protector Xue was nothing difficult.

“I found them! They’re over there!” Very soon, Hei Ya pointed in one direction and said, “However, Nubis and protector Xue are in different locations, master. There are ten million kilometers between them.”

Jian Chen frowned. He ordered, “Lead the way. Go to where Nubis is first.”

The group immediately shot off with lightning speed.

There was an endless chain of mountains at the border of the Delight Plane. The mountains rose and fell, seeming like a yellow, boundless ocean from the sky.

The mountains had no presence of life. It seemed deathly silent and extremely barren.

However, there was a huge valley in the depths of the mountains and flames roared at the bottom of it.

These were not regular flames, but flames that contained the power of laws. As they roared, they gave off terrifying heat, dyeing the sky red.

The flames hovered in the air and covered an extremely vast area, spanning over ten thousand kilometres.

All the space within that range was enveloped by the flames.

“Argh...”

Chilling howls would ring out from the flames from time to time. They were filled with pain, as if the person howling was going through the most brutal torture in the world.

A thin but extremely long golden snake writhed violently in the flames. It struggled painfully as it endured the flames. It was miserable.

Under the flames, the golden snake almost seemed to become cooked. It gave off quite a fragrance as the vital essences within it drifted out slowly from the flames.

“Hehehehe, kid, struggle and howl as much as you want, as those are the last sounds you’ll be able to make in this wonderful world. In another six hours, all your vital essences will be refined.”

A black-robed old man laid on the ground lazily outside the roaring flames. He held a wine gourd, sipping from it from time to time. He constructed a small bonfire beside him, roasting a meter-long beast on there.

He enjoyed his alcohol as he looked at the golden snake struggling painfully in the flames. He was satisfied.

“It’s very rare to come across other Golden-striped Silver Snakes in the Saints’ World. Your arrival both surprised me and caused me great joy. For the sake of finding other clansmen and breaking through with their essence, I travelled across most of the Saints’ World, but I only found around a dozen.”

“After absorbing all their essence, I struggled to find another one in the Saints’ World.”

“Of course, I do know that there are still many in the Saints’ World, but the weaker ones all hide far too well. Finding them is almost impossible, while I don’t even dare to provoke or even approach the stronger ones. I have to hide from them carefully. There are fewer and fewer people I can feast on.”

“Kid, did you really think the news you received came from your investigations? I’ll tell you the truth. Everything you know was purposefully leaked by me, just to draw you over.”

“I heard that whatever clan on the Cloud Plane had a Ninth Heavenly Chaotic Prime, so I could not risk it myself. As a result, I purposefully leaked the news so that you would come out from the clan. In the end, hahahaha, you really did fall for it.” The black-robed old man laughed aloud. He stared at the vital essence that wafted out from the flames as he became restless.

Chapter 2533: Close to Death

“Hmph, you old bastard, don’t you dare celebrate so soon. If you kill me, my brother will definitely avenge me. You will follow in my steps very soon. I’ll just be leaving before you,” Nubis said weakly from within the roaring flames.

His life force rapidly drained away, as most of his unique essence as a Golden-striped Silver Snake had been refined. He could not last much longer.

“Your brother? Hahaha, kid, you’re only a peak Godking, so how powerful can your brother be? Don’t tell me the Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime in your clan is your brother?” The old man mocked him. He took a voracious sip of his alcohol and continued, “I would really be done for if it’s a Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime, but do you think I’m as brainless as you? How is it possible for you to establish ties with an expert like that with your cultivation?”

“Moreover, this is the Delight Plane, not the Cloud Plane. Your whatever clan might have some status on the Cloud Plane, but if they want to act brazenly on the Delight Plane, they’ll definitely be destroyed in just a few days.”

“That’s because the Delight Plane is completely under the control of the Clousurge Empire. I am a subject of the Clousurge Empire, as well as the master of the imperial princes,” the black-robed old man said proudly.

It was as if he was proud of his own identity.

“Moreover, the current emperor of the Clousurge Empire has close ties with me. Even if that Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime from your whatever clan arrives personally, he won’t be able to do anything to me. You’re joking if you want to talk about revenge.” The black-robed old man laughed aloud fearlessly.

Nubis no longer said anything else. Even his cries of pain gradually vanished. His life force had become extremely weak, so weak that he could no longer produce any sounds.

He was getting closer and closer to death now.

The black-robed old man did not speak anymore either. He lay there lazily, drinking his liquor as he waited for his delicious food to be cooked. His stomach seemed to rumble.

Half an hour later, Nubis had already collapsed powerlessly on the ground in his original form. His life was in danger, and he was taking his last breaths.

He was only a step away from death, but even when he faced death, there was an intense sense of unwillingness in his eyes. He stubbornly kept his eyes open, staring right at the black-robed old man with his weak, hollow eyes. He refused to close his eyes.

He was unwilling to die like this. He still had a grand objective. He always wanted to stand at the apex of cultivation. He wanted to become a peak expert who could look down on all. How could he just die here?

At this moment, he guarded his last sliver of essence purely with his great will and desire to survive. He battled against death.

However, Nubis' stubborn will gradually turned into a mysterious power under the pressure of death. It awakened the potential hidden within his bloodline.

Immediately, Nubis felt his body spring to life. A new power gushed out from his bloodline, filling every inch of his body.

At the same time, he suddenly began to shine brilliantly, illuminating the sky. He stood out from the red flames.

He had already shed his burnt scales, growing a new set of glistening, golden scales.

In particular, two sharp, meaty stubs appeared on his head.

"Hmm? The bloodline has changed? It has actually evolved!" The black-robed old man squinted as he became excited. He immediately stood up and studied the evolved Nubis as he clapped and praised, "Good, good, good! I never thought you would be able to evolve at a time like this, allowing your bloodline to progress to a higher level. The heavens really are smiling at me. The greater your bloodline is, the more useful it is to me as well."

At this moment, Nubis bellowed out. He shone with dazzling light as he began to charge out with all the strength he possessed.

Bang!

In the end, he crashed into a wall completely composed of flames.

The flames were actually from a formation. With Nubis' strength, even after his bloodline evolved, he was unable to break free from the restraints of the formation.



“Hehe, you want to escape? Quit dreaming.” The black-robed old man sniggered as he seemed like he was about to drool.

Nubis’ evolution tempted him even more. He no longer wanted to wait anymore. Afterwards, he charged into the flames with a flash and grabbed Nubis with his skinny hand, directly devouring his essence.

The difference in strength was just too great. Even after evolving, Nubis was as puny as an ant in the old man’s hands. He could not resist at all. Nubis immediately became haggard when his essence was devoured.

The old man was a Chaotic Prime. He purposefully leaked the lie that he was a Fifth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime to Nubis to draw him out.

At this moment, the space there trembled, and a powerful presence flooded out, enveloping the entire region.

Three figures appeared beside the roaring flames. They gave off the presences of Primordial realm experts.

They were Jian Chen, Hei Ya, and Xu Ran.

Jian Chen was worried about Nubis’ safety, so he broke away from the group and hurried off first with Hei Ya and Xu Ran.

“Nubis!”

As soon as Jian Chen arrived, he discovered Nubis and how his essence was being devoured. He immediately became furious as killing intent surged from his body.

Xu Ran remained indifferent and calm, but she had already raised her old, skinny hand gently. She extended a finger ahead.

That directly destroyed the space there. A devastating power shot out and pierced through the formation of flames.

Immediately, the terrifying flames suddenly vanished from the surroundings, revealing Nubis and the black-robed old man.

The destruction of the formation alarmed the black-robed old man. He immediately stopped absorbing Nubis’ essence and stared at Xu Ran with an ugly expression. He said coldly, “Who are you? Why are you getting in my way? Do you know who I am?”

“J- Jian Chen...” Nubis said weakly as he saw Jian Chen as well. His lips curled into a miserable smile as his eyes were dim. He was close to death.

Jian Chen’s face had already darkened from anger when he saw how miserable Nubis had become. Killing intent surged within him as he bellowed out furiously. Wielding the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways, he turned into a streak of resplendent light and stabbed at the old man.

The black-robed old man swung his hand, and the power of Primordial realm laws descended. The terrifying energy surged, striking Jian Chen as a streak of light.

Boom!

Jian Chen shook after being struck, and the protective light around him dimmed.

“He’s a Second Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime and has rather impressive battle prowess. He can challenge those stronger than him, so leave him to me,” Xu Ran said indifferently and struck out decisively. The terrifying pressure of a Fifth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime erupted, immediately frightening the black-robed old man.

“The Fifth Heavenly Layer- no, even more powerful than the Fifth Heavenly Layer!” The black-robed old man produced a strange cry before retreating with lightning speed with Nubis in his hands. He did not want to fight.

Chapter 2534: Rescue

However, how could Xu Ran allow him to do that? With a single movement, Xu Ran crossed the distance and appeared before the black-robed old man instantly. She extended her hand with the mysteries of the world. It was like the hand resonated with the world as it stretched directly towards the black-robed old man.

The black-robed old man’s face changed drastically. His pupils immediately shrunk to the size of pin tips. There was some fright and shock.

He felt like his soul was trapped as he faced Xu Ran’s palm strike. The palm strike contained some kind of charm from the ways, imprisoning his soul there.

The palm strike seemed to be imbued with some sort of sealing power as well, causing the circulation of energy within him to become sluggish as if it had become thick mud.

Hiss!

The black-robed old man immediately assumed his original form. He was a Golden-striped Silver Snake that was only ten metres long and three fingers thick. From afar, he seemed like a piece of rope.

However, although he and Nubis were both Golden-striped Silver Snakes, they took completely different paths of evolution. Nubis’ body gradually became pure gold, while the black-robed old man evolved towards an inky-green.

This was a development of venom.

Clearly, the black-robed old man’s evolution was skewed towards venom.

The venom of Golden-striped Silver Snakes was extremely potent and vicious. It was enough to be ranked among the top three back on the Tian Yuan Continent.

However, such a ranking was only restricted to a lower world like where the Tian Yuan Continent resided. In a higher world, the poison of Golden-striped Silver Snakes was nothing special.

As a result, if they wanted to maintain their advantage of deadly venom, they needed to strengthen it.

Clearly, the black-robed old man had chosen that path.

A dazzling green light suddenly appeared on the Golden-striped Silver Snake's body. An invisible type of venom that could not be sensed with even the soul rapidly spread towards Xu Ran.

When he released the venom, the black-robed old man squirmed, and the space around him distorted violently, forming ripples upon ripples. He temporarily broke free from Xu Ran's restraint before shooting off into the distance with Nubis in a flash. He covered ten thousand kilometers in an instant, fleeing off into the distance without any hesitation at all.

He knew Xu Ran's strength. Although he could challenge those at higher cultivation levels, he definitely could not challenge a Fifth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime whilst at the Second Heavenly Layer. Moreover, his current opponent was no regular Fifth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime.

"Hmph, so what if you're a Fifth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime? Once I return to the Cloudsurge Empire and get reinforcements, I'll make you pay a huge price," the black-robed old man thought as he fled towards the Cloudsurge Empire as quickly as he could.

"Back up, there's venom!" Xu Ran called out. She gave off a strange presence, where she seemed to fuse with the world. She took a step and broke free from the restraints of space, appearing before the black-robed old man in an instant. She directly blocked his path and extended her skinny hand towards him.

Xu Ran seemed to use the power of ways with that, sealing up the surroundings and creating a prison where the black-robed old man stood. Space shrank up violently.

The black-robed old man immediately felt his body sink. A power that he could not fight off pressed in from all directions, directly immobilising him there.

The black-robed old man was shocked. He was trapped and immobilised, and even the circulation of his energy became extremely sluggish. He felt life-threatening danger from his current situation.

"So powerful! Where did this old woman come from? Why is she such a deviant?" The black-robed old man cursed inside. The battle prowess that Xu Ran displayed astounded him, almost frightening him to death.

He could no longer care about Nubis' essence. He immediately used a secret technique, and a large, green cloud of mist suddenly erupted from his body. He vanished within the mist.

However, before he vanished, a strand of sword Qi condensed from powerful energy ripped through the space there, cutting through his body. It severed his long body into two.

"Argh!" The black-robed old man called out as he fled.

"His ability to flee really is impressive," Xu Ran murmured as she stared in the direction that the black-robed old man had fled in. She wanted to pursue, but she had completely lost contact with his presence already.

Very soon, a streak of light flew over, and Jian Chen appeared before Xu Ran. He stared at the empty space and asked, "Senior Xu, where's the person?"

"He managed to escape. This person's ability to flee is very great. I failed to keep him here," Xu Ran said.

"I've troubled you, senior Xu." Jian Chen clasped his hands and thanked Xu Ran before immediately tending to Nubis. He immediately took out a few God Tier pills and fed them to him.

Most of Nubis' essence had been absorbed, and he had almost been cooked under the flames. However, he managed to endure it all in the end and did not die.

Nubis' wounds stabilised with the pills. However, he was just too heavily injured, so he could not make a complete recovery without a long period of time.

"Brother, fortunately, you made it in time, or I, the great Nubis, would really be dead. I won't be able to achieve my great dream either." Nubis assumed a human form again and lay on the ground powerlessly. He looked at Jian Chen with his dim, dull eyes as he spoke feebly.

Jian Chen took out a few more God Tier pills and fed them to Nubis. He said sternly, "Nubis, I will avenge you."

"I was careless. I never thought the old snake would be so sly, purposefully leaking false information to draw me over. Jian Chen, hurry up and take me back to that place earlier. There's still a portion of essence that the old snake didn't absorb there. This essence is the lifeblood of my species."

Afterwards, Jian Chen brought Nubis back to the place where he had been cooked in the flames. As soon as he arrived, Nubis lay down on the ground and began absorbing the essence that wafted through the air.

"I only managed to get a tenth back. The rest has all been absorbed by the old snake. God dammit, I've lost seventy percent of my essence," Nubis said through gritted teeth. He was extremely pained.

The essence was simply far too important to his species because it affected the evolution of their bloodline and their future accomplishments.

Suddenly, Nubis seemed to think of something. His face suddenly changed, and he said in a hurry, "Jian Chen, quick, go save protector Xue. He was injured by the old snake and poisoned. The old snake's venom is extremely potent. He can even poison experts of the same level to death, so protector Xue won't be able to last very long with his strength."

Chapter 2535: Meeting Yaxi Lian Again

Jian Chen nodded and hurried off in protector Xue's direction with Nubis.

Protector Xue was ten million kilometres away, but with Hei Ya by his side, Jian Chen found him effortlessly.

Currently, protector Xue sat within a cave enveloped by formations as he did his best to suppress the venom.

His situation was very pessimistic. The venom had basically spread across his entire body, turning his skin an inky-green. His life force constantly drained away.

Even his soul had become contaminated with some of the venom, causing it to dim. Even if he abandoned his body and fled with his soul now, it would be useless.

“Fortunately, he has the Hundred Spirits Jade. He’s slowing down the spread of the venom with it, or he would have been reduced to a puddle of blood by now.” Xu Ran easily dealt with the formation and appeared before protector Xue.

Jian Chen looked over, and indeed, he discovered a piece of milky-white jade in protector Xue’s mouth.

“Feed him a Hundred Nullification Pill to suppress the poison first,” Xu Ran said to Jian Chen before placing her hand on protector Xue’s head. Great, pure power surged out constantly, beginning to suppress the venom in protector Xue’s body.

Jian Chen rummaged through his Space Ring and finally found a bottle of Hundred Nullification Pills, feeding it to protector Xue.

“The venom within him is extremely potent. I don’t have the ability to nullify it. I can only keep it suppressed temporarily and prevent it from spreading. We need to find that snake to purge it,” said Xu Ran sternly a while later as she removed her hand from protector Xue’s head.

“Nubis, do you know the origins of that Golden-striking Silver Snake?” Jian Chen asked.

Nubis was extremely feeble. He only managed to stand on his feet with Hei Ya’s support. He carefully thought back and said, “I don’t know about his exact origins, but I do remember him mentioning that he serves some Cloundsurge Empire.”

“The Cloundsurge Empire?” Jian Chen murmured. He had no impression of this empire at all.

In reality, this was the first time he had come to the Delight Plane. He knew nothing about the situation here.

“Patriarch, don’t save me. My life isn’t worth it. Just let me die here.” Protector Xue opened his eyes at this moment. Resolution flooded his eyes as if he had already accepted death.

“Patriarch, the only thing I cannot let go before I die is my clan’s young master. I hope the patriarch can take care of the young master for the sake of whatever contribution I’ve made to the clan. Don’t let the young master die,” pleaded protector Xue as he passed a divine hall to Jian Chen.

Staring at the divine hall, Jian Chen’s eyes lit up. Protector Xue’s origins surprised him a little.

For a Seventh Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime to call him young master, this young master’s origins really could not be taken lightly.

After a moment of thought, Jian Chen said, “Protector Xue, don’t worry. You won’t die. Last a few more days, and I’ll purge the venom for you.”

Afterwards, the protectors of the Tian Yuan clan arrived, and all of them gathered in the cave with Jian Chen.

Very soon, they understood the entire matter. However, protector Qi’s expression immediately changed when he learnt about everything. “What? The Chaotic Prime who injured protector Xue serves the Cloundsurge Empire?”

“Protector Qi, how much do you know about the Cloudsurge Empire?” Jian Chen immediately asked. He could tell with a single glance that protector Qi knew about the Cloudsurge Empire.

He had come in a hurry, so he knew nothing about the Delight Plane. He just happened to be in need of someone to explain things to him.

After all, only when he knew his enemies could he guarantee success.

“Patriarch, the Cloudsurge Empire is not to be trifled with, as they’re the most powerful organisation on the Delight Plane, the undisputed ruler of the Delight Plane. They’re so powerful that it’s said that they can conquer the entire plane.” Protector Qi became extremely stern when he mentioned the Cloudsurge Empire. Deep fear and dread appeared in his eyes.

Jian Chen frowned. “How does the overall strength of the Delight Plane compare to our Cloud Plane?”

“The Delight Plane is definitely more powerful than the Cloud Plane! The strongest expert of the Cloud Plane right now is the Lord of Heaven’s Link Peak. It’s said that he’s only a peak Third Heavenly Layer Grand Prime, but there are probably at least five people who can match him on the Delight Plane.”

“The Cloudsurge Empire is actually this powerful.” Jian Chen was secretly surprised from that. The Delight Plane was far more powerful than he had imagined.

“Patriarch, there are actually not a lot of peak experts in the Cloudsurge Empire. There are over a dozen peak organisations on the Delight Plane, and the Cloudsurge Empire can only match three or four of them in number at most. The reason why they’re so powerful is because the Cloudsurge Empire possesses an extremely great expert, the Rain Abbess!”

Protector Qi now showed admiration as he continued, “The Cloudsurge Empire’s status as the supreme ruler was basically consolidated by the Rain Abbess. It’s said that she alone can deal with the combined power of all the peak experts on the Delight Plane.”

“I’ve heard about the Rain Abbess as well. She is indeed very powerful and has quite some fame in the Saints’ World. I just never thought she would be from the Delight Plane.” Xu Ran said and also became stern, “The snake is a Chaotic Prime, and his battle prowess is extraordinary. To any peak organisation, Chaotic Primes are greatly valued, so we will definitely alarm the peak experts of the Cloudsurge Empire if we want to kill the snake. Even if the Rain Abbess isn’t on the Delight Plane, that’s not something we can handle. It looks like we need to call Ming Xie over.”

Suddenly, Xu Ran looked outside the cave and said, “Someone is approaching here, and based on their presence, it seems like they’re from the Emyrean Demon Cult.”

Jian Chen immediately became interested when he heard Xu Ran mention the Emyrean Demon Cult. He immediately spread out the senses of his soul.

However, Jian Chen’s expression became strange soon afterwards. He thought to himself, “Why would it be her?”

The senses of his soul locked onto a graceful, alluring woman of enchanting beauty.

Jian Chen was extremely familiar with this woman. He had grievances with her in the past. She was the commander of the seventh army from the Emyrean Demon Cult’s branch on the Cloud Plane, Yaxi Lian.

Yaxi Lian was now a peak Godking. Her enchanting face was filled with unwillingness and a sense of being wronged. She directly made her way towards where Jian Chen's group stood with some anger and humiliation.

She was not alone. A white-haired, simply-dressed old woman accompanied her.

The old woman did not hide herself, but she did conceal her presence very well such that she seemed like an ordinary person.

However, her travelling speed shocked Jian Chen.

Chapter 2536: The Grand Elder of the Empyrean Demon Cult

"Yaxi Lian, you cannot forget my previous words. No matter how great your grievances with Jian Chen were in the past, you need to forget them all. Do you understand?" The old woman who accompanied Yaxi Lian suddenly looked at her as she spoke sternly.

"Yes, master!" Yaxi Lian bit her lip and agreed reluctantly. She felt humiliated.

In the past, she was publicly humiliated by fairy Hao Yue in the Xuandao Empire of the northern region of the Cloud Plane. She had already become filled with hatred. Fairy Hao Yue was too powerful, so there was nothing she could do about her. As a result, Yaxi Lian shifted all the blame onto Jian Chen.

She was about to see Jian Chen again, but her master had ordered her to hide any and all of her hatred. Yaxi Lian naturally felt wronged after everything she went through.

Although her original form was a nine-tailed fox, a species publically renowned for their promiscuity, she truly guarded her integrity well, contrary to the rumours.

This was because when she absorbed the essence of men, she did it by planting her hand on their heads. There was no close contact at all.

In Jian Chen's case, Yaxi Lian wanted to join with him because of his Chaotic Force. She wanted to use that method to absorb his Chaotic Force. However, when she reached a critical moment, fairy Hao Yue interrupted her.

"Sigh, even if I want to settle my grievances with him, what can I do? He's no longer the puny Overgod that I could kill in the past. I'm not his opponent anymore." Yaxi Lian seemed to think it all through and sighed gently inside. She felt embittered.

The Empyrean Demon Cult had branches across the Saints' World, so they were extremely knowledgeable. Yaxi Lian possessed a rather high status in the Empyrean Demon Cult, so she knew quite a lot.

She had heard a relatively high number of rumours regarding Jian Chen.

Yaxi Lian arrived outside the cave where Jian Chen and the others gathered as she experienced these feelings.

"Commander Yaxi Lian, we meet again." Jian Chen walked out from the cave. Behind him were Xu Ran and the protectors of the Tian Yuan clan.

At this moment, Jian Chen seemed like an important figure. Primordial realm protectors stood to his left and right, which enhanced his bearing.

Jian Chen could not help but think about what had happened when he first met Yaxi Lian as he looked at her.

Back then, Yaxi Lian was the commander of the seventh army of the Empyrean Demon Cult, a great late Godking, while he was only an Overgod. Yaxi Lian was so powerful that she was undefeatable in his eyes at that time. As a matter of fact, he could not even escape from her.

Now, a few decades later, he had already become a Primordial realm expert, possessing the ability to kill late Infinite Primes, while Yaxi Lian remained as a late Godking. This matter amazed Jian Chen.

Yaxi Lian said nothing. However, the old woman beside her clasped her fist towards Jian Chen politely. "I am the Fox Saint Elder of the eight elders of the Empyrean Demon Cult. Greetings to the patriarch of the Tian Yuan clan!"

"Fox Saint Elder, you probably came especially for me. May I ask why you are looking for me?" Jian Chen looked at the Fox Saint Elder. He could vaguely sense her cultivation. She was roughly a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime.

"Under the grand elder's orders, I've come to invite the patriarch to our branch on the Delight Plane as a guest," said the Fox Saint Elder.

Jian Chen was interested and asked, "Who's your grand elder?"

"The grand elder's name is Cheng Ming."

"Cheng Ming? I don't know him."

"The grand elder said that if the patriarch is unwilling to come, I should show the patriarch this," said the Fox Saint Elder before taking out a small and exquisite hairpin.

Jian Chen's heart leapt when he saw the hairpin, as it was something that Xiao Ling always used. She had brought it up with her from the Tian Yuan Continent.

"Xiao Ling is there?" Jian Chen struggled to remain composed.

The Fox Saint Elder nodded.

"Let's go. Lead the way immediately," Jian Chen said rather eagerly.

"Patriarch, you must think it through. They're the Empyrean Demon Cult," added many elders from behind Jian Chen. They were clearly in fear.

There was basically no one from the Cloud Plane who did not fear the Empyrean Demon Cult. In particular, the Tian Empire had been as prominent as the midday sun a few decades ago and were about to conquer the entire plane, but they were destroyed by a single palm strike from the great elder of the Empyrean Demon Cult in the end.

From then onwards, the Empyrean Demon Cult became the most terrifying organisation in the eyes of all the Primordial realm experts on the Cloud Plane.



As a result, some of the protectors became extremely unsettled and fearful now that they met members of the Emyrean Demon Cult.

“You don’t need to worry.” Jian Chen comforted everyone. Others did not know about the details of the Emyrean Demon Cult but he did.

The great elder of the Emyrean Demon Cult that all the peak experts of the Cloud Plane feared was senior Mo Tianyun.

Afterwards, Jian Chen made his way towards the branch of the Emyrean Demon Cult established on the Delight Plane under the Fox Saint Elder and Yaxi Lian’s lead.

This branch of the Emyrean Demon Cult was located towards the edge of the central region, on some extremely barren plains.

This branch of the Emyrean Demon Cult was a completely-black divine hall. It was of an impressive quality and possessed extremely great defences. Within a range of a million kilometres around the divine hall, demonic aura surged as dark clouds, blotting out the entire region permanently.

Under the Fox Saint Elder’s lead, Jian Chen’s group entered the divine hall smoothly.

As soon as they entered the divine hall, the protectors of the Tian Yuan clan immediately felt like they had just entered the belly of the beast. They could not help but experience chills.

Jian Chen and Xu Ran remained composed as they followed behind.

Along the way, Yaxi Lian would glance back at Jian Chen time and time again. Her eyes were filled with mixed feelings, as well as resentment that was very well hidden.

“Brother, are you confident in all this? Surely we’re not just striding into the belly of the beast, right?” Nubis asked secretly at this moment. He was in fear. Even he felt no confidence about all this.

Jian Chen shot him a glance to tell him to stop worrying and said nothing.

The group travelled straight up, arriving on the highest floor of the divine hall very soon. In the end, they stopped within a rather gloomy hall.

“Grand elder, I have brought the patriarch of the Tian Yuan clan, Jian Chen,” the Fox Saint Elder said politely.

“You are dismissed.” An obscure voice drifted out in the hall. It came from everywhere, making it impossible to identify where the person was.

“Yes, sir!” The Fox Saint Elder bowed once again before leaving politely with Yaxi Lian.

After the Fox Saint Elder had left, a deep, blue light suddenly appeared in the gloomy hall.

This was the glow of a soul. Only souls at a certain level of strength could emit such light.

An illusionary old man appeared before Jian Chen silently. He seemed to be nothing special at all, where he would not stand out at all if he was thrown into a crowd.

At this moment, his eyes were fixed on Jian Chen. He studied him carefully. He directly ignored the people behind Jian Chen, including even Xu Ran.

It was as if only Jian Chen existed before him, where even Xu Ran struggled to raise any of his attention despite being a Fifth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime.

“A soul?” Jian Chen stared at the ‘grand elder’ and was surprised.

He could tell with a single glance that the grand elder before him did not have a body. He was just a soul, not even the clone of a soul.

Chapter 2537: A Grand Plan

“Are you that elder brother that Xiao Ling keeps on mentioning, Jian Chen?” asked the grand elder of the Empyrean Demon Cult, Cheng Ming. His gaze was gentle, and he smiled faintly. He seemed extremely cordial.

“That’s me. Greetings from junior Jian Chen.” Jian Chen clasped his fist and greeted him as a junior. He spoke indifferently, without being overly polite or respectful.

He only truly respected Mo Tianyun out of the entire Empyrean Demon Cult.

“Grand elder, may I ask where Xiao Jin and Xiao Ling are?” Jian Chen followed up with a question. He had come to see Xiao Jin and Xiao Ling and get to know their situation.

“They’re here on the Delight Plane. I’ve already sent people to fetch them, so there’s no need to worry. Jian Chen, I haven’t called you over this time just for Xiao Jin and Xiao Ling,” Cheng Ming said with an amiable smile. He did not seem like the authoritative grand elder of the Empyrean Demon Cult who could mobilise all the armies on a whim.

“Let’s talk elsewhere,” said Cheng Ming. With that, he and Jian Chen vanished from there, having been taken elsewhere by the power of the divine hall.

“Patriarch!”

Jian Chen’s disappearance made many of the protectors nervous. They utterly feared the Empyrean Demon Cult. Now that they stood in the cult’s den, all of them felt uneasy.

“Since Jian Chen is bold enough to bring you here, he naturally has confidence in protecting you. What are you afraid of?” Xu Ran said indifferently. She studied the divine hall with a deep gaze, as if she could see through everything there.

“Many Primordial realm experts are hidden in the divine hall. There are even several obscure presences that have reached Chaotic Prime. Just what does the Empyrean Demon Cult plan on doing by gathering so many experts on the Delight Plane?”

“After all, this is only one of their many branches across the Saints’ World, not their headquarters,” Xu Ran thought. She stared at where Jian Chen had vanished from as the light in her eyes flickered.

Jian Chen and Cheng Ming suddenly appeared in a secret room within the divine hall.

Jian Chen looked around before focusing on Cheng Ming. "May I ask what urgent matter the grand elder has come to me for?"

"Jian Chen, you probably want to kill that Golden-striped Silver Snake in the Cloudsurge Empire, right?" Cheng Ming said.

Jian Chen nodded. Whether it be for protector Xue's poison or Nubis' lost essence, he needed to fight that Golden-striped Silver Snake that had fled.

Of course, most importantly, the Golden-striped Silver Snake could allow Nubis' strength to increase even faster.

Golden-striped Silver Snakes were a wondrous species. Their method of evolution was extremely brutal. They needed to constantly slaughter their own clansmen and devour their essence to evolve.

Since they would turn on one another sooner or later for nourishment, Jian Chen obviously hoped that Nubis would be the one who obtained it all.

That was because if Nubis did not devour them, they would devour Nubis.

With his friendship with Nubis, how could he allow Nubis to become the food of other Golden-striped Silver Snakes?

"The Golden-striped Silver Snake in the Cloudsurge Empire isn't as easy to deal with as you imagine him to be. First, he's well ingrained in the Cloudsurge Empire. He's the master of many princes and has close ties with the current emperor of the Cloudsurge Empire. As a result, his status in the empire is very great, well beyond other subjects."

"Moreover, his abilities to flee are extremely impressive. Even though he's only a Second Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime, even Sixth or even Seventh Heavenly Layer Chaotic Primes can't make him stay," said Cheng Ming. He understood the Golden-striped Silver Snake's situation extremely well.

"I know you have a Fifth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime by your side. Please forgive me for being straightforward, but if you go looking for that Golden-striped Silver Snake with such strength, you'll only end up fleeing in defeat. The Golden-striped Silver Snake is well established in the Cloudsurge Empire and has good ties with many of the subjects. He can easily ask a few of them to deal with you. Unless you call that Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime in your Tian Yuan clan over, you won't be able to deal with something like that."

Jian Chen frowned. He never thought a Second Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime would be so difficult to deal with.

"The grand elder must have other intentions for telling me this," Jian Chen said.

Cheng Ming nodded and replied, "Indeed, I do have other intentions. I hope you can join forces with us and attack the imperial palace of the Cloudsurge Empire. Only like that will you be able to kill the Golden-striped Silver Snake."

"What? You want to attack the imperial palace of the Cloudsurge Empire?" Jian Chen was surprised. The Cloudsurge Empire was the greatest organisation on the Delight Plane. They were so powerful that even if all the peak organisations on the plane banded together, they still would not be able to put up a fight.

This was all because the Cloudsurge Empire possessed an invincible figure who could sweep through the entire plane, the Rain Abbess.

“The Cloudsurge Empire possesses something master needs, as well as something to reconstruct my body. We would attack the Cloudsurge Empire sooner or later. Moreover, the Rain Abbess has an Innate Orchid of Five Elements planted where she cultivates. It possesses the innate powers of the five elements—metal, wood, water, fire, and earth. Moreover, the Innate Orchid of Five Elements comes from a Xuanhuang Microcosm, so it possesses Xuanhuang Qi. It contains the fortune of the universe.” Cheng Ming stared at Jian Chen deeply and said, “You must know that Xiao Ling suffers from some defects due to innate problems. This Innate Orchid of Five Elements with Xuanhuang Qi might be able to make up for these defects.”

“Moreover, Xiao Jin is a spirit of metal, so the Innate Orchid of Five Elements will greatly benefit Xiao Jin as well. It can encourage him to evolve and take a qualitative leap.”

“Will senior Mo Tianyun take action?” Jian Chen asked eagerly. They both belonged to the Immortals’ World. Consequently, not only did he respect Mo Tianyun, but he also treated him as someone from the same homeland. He felt a sense of familiarity for some reason.

Cheng Ming shook his head. “Master has even more important matters to attend to, so he won’t take action. Also, all the Grand Primes of the Cloudsurge Empire have left the Delight Plane due to matters they need to attend to, so not a single Grand Prime is currently watching over the Cloudsurge Plane. We only need your Fifth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime to take action, and we can attack the imperial palace.”

“The protective formation in the imperial palace was personally cast down by the Rain Abbess. It’s known as the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood, but you don’t need to worry about it. As long as it’s not a Grand Prime hosting the formation, it won’t be able to threaten us with the great treasure master has left behind.”

“And once the formation is activated, the entire space will be sealed up. Regardless of the Golden-striped Silver Snake’s proficiency at fleeing, he definitely won’t be able to break out of the formation cast down by the Rain Abbess. At that time, he’ll be a sitting duck with nowhere to run. Killing him will be a piece of cake.”

Chapter 2538: Meeting Xiao Jin and Xiao Ling Again

“Launching an attack on the imperial palace of the Cloudsurge Empire will take quite some time. What if the Rain Abbess suddenly returns? We have no one who can handle the Rain Abbess on our side,” Jian Chen stated his worry. After all, this was a significant matter. They would be directly attacking the imperial capital of the Cloudsurge Empire. They would develop irreconcilable grievances as a result and completely offend the Rain Abbess.

“You don’t need to worry about that. Since we’re bold enough to attack their imperial capital, we have obviously made sufficient preparations to deal with any sudden changes to the situation.” Cheng Ming guaranteed like success was within his grasp.

“Originally, our Empyrean Demon Cult planned on attacking the Cloudsurge Empire a month later because we’re currently weaker in terms of Chaotic Primes. We needed some more preparation to guarantee complete success. But now that you’re here, we can launch the attack early.”

“Of course, there’s no need for you to give me your reply immediately. You can tell me your decision in three days’ time. You should go see Xiao Ling and Xiao Jin now. They’ve returned.” With that, Cheng Ming used the power of the divine hall to send Jian Chen back to the hall he was in earlier.

The protectors of the Tian Yuan clan continued to wait there quietly, but their unease was clearly depicted on their faces.

However, Jian Chen ignored them. His gaze was already locked onto the two extra figures that had appeared.

The two figures consisted of a male and a female. The female seemed like a child. She only seemed to be twelve or thirteen. She was wearing a white dress, and her pretty face was filled with purity. She seemed slightly immature. With a single glance, it was possible to tell that she was a little girl who had not matured yet.

The male seemed to be seventeen or eighteen. Although he did not seem old, he possessed a presence of slaughter that completely did not match his age. A heavy smell of blood seemed to waft from him.

He seemed like a merciless god of slaughter who had just retreated from a corpse-ridden battlefield; it seemed like he had bathed in the blood of countless enemies in the past.

The two of them were Xiao Jin and Xiao Ling.

“Big brother!” Xiao Ling’s eyes immediately reddened when she saw Jian Chen. She called out in complete joy and surprise and hugged Jian Chen tightly.

“Xiao Ling, I’ve finally found you. Have you been well in the past few years?” Jian Chen smiled and asked sincerely and softly. He rubbed Xiao Ling’s head gently.

Several decades had passed, but Xiao Ling had not changed at all. Her mental state remained the same as before.

“Brother,” Xiao Jin said. He looked at Jian Chen in delight.

After several decades, Xiao Jin had changed drastically. Both his strength and mental state were no longer the same as before.

Now, he wore golden armor with his long, golden hair let down. He was wrapped up in a presence of slaughter and a bloody smell. Who knows how much blood he had been doused with and how many tests of life and death he had gone through. He seemed like a miniature god of slaughter.

“Xiao Jin, you’ve grown!” Jian Chen stared at Xiao Jin deeply. He was glad. From Xiao Jin’s presence alone, Jian Chen discovered that he had truly become someone who could hold up responsibilities. He was no longer the ignorant little boy from before.

“I never thought you would become a Godking so fast, and a mid Godking at that.” Jian Chen saw through Xiao Jin’s strength with a single glance and was left amazed.

Xiao Jin's rate of growth had really surprised him.

"Brother, I only have these accomplishments because of grandpa Cheng. It was grandpa Cheng who used many resources to nurture me, which was why I was able to become a mid Godking in such a short amount of time," said Xiao Jin. His voice was filled with respect towards his grandpa Cheng.

However, Xiao Jin seemed to think of something soon afterwards. He was gloomy as he sighed and said, "It's just a pity that it's extremely difficult to increase sister Xiao Ling's strength. Otherwise, she would be a Godking like me or even far beyond that."

"Hehe, I don't want to become a Godking at all. Cultivation is so boring. There's grandpa Cheng and master protecting me in the Empyrean Demon Cult anyway and big brother to protect me outside. Moreover, brother Xiao Jin has become so powerful. In the future, he can protect me. I would like to see who would bully me. Hmph." Xiao Ling stuck out her tongue and said mischievously. She was truly pure and innocent, without any worries.

Looking at how Xiao Ling did not care, Xiao Jin remained silent. He had truly grown now, so he was able to see the full side of things. He understood that the only way to survive in this world was through immense personal strength; this was the absolute law.

Others could protect you temporarily, but it would be very difficult for them to do so forever.

Jian Chen looked at Xiao Ling silently. Obviously, he knew why Xiao Ling struggled to increase her strength; it was because she was incomplete. She suffered from innate defections, which prevented her mind from maturing. She remained like a twelve year old even after so much time.

It was relatively easier for Xiao Ling's strength to increase below Godhood, as there is no need to comprehend the laws of the world at such a level. At the same time, Xiao Ling was a natural spirit, so she was born at the Origin realm. She basically did not have to spend any time cultivating, so the effects from her defects were not particularly severe.

However, after reaching Godhood, the comprehension of the laws of the world was required for each level of cultivation. Xiao Ling's limited thinking capacity obviously became her greatest restraint.

"Xiao Ling, I will definitely fix your defections," Jian Chen secretly swore to himself.

In the blink of an eye, three days passed. Jian Chen met up with grand elder Cheng Ming again and agreed to work with the Empyrean Demon Cult to attack the imperial capital of the Cloudsurge Empire.

Cheng Ming was not surprised by this at all. He immediately passed down an order. "Alright then. Since that's the case, let's move right now. Cloud Demon, Wind Demon, Blood Demon, Blade Demon, are you present?"

"Greetings to the grand elder!" Four figures silently appeared from the darkness. All of their presences were tremendous, possessing terrifying strength.

The four of them were the four generals of the Empyrean Demon Cult.

Originally, the Empyrean Demon Cult had five generals. One of them died at the hands of the Heavenless Demon Exalt when he went to the Cloud Plane with the grand elder, so only four of them remained.

Jian Chen's eyes narrowed. He could tell with a single glance that the four of them were all Chaotic Primes.

However, all of them showed great respect towards Cheng Ming.

"Pass down my orders. Set off with the army as soon as possible and begin the attack on the Cloudsurge Empire," the grand elder called out.

"Yes, grand elder!"

#### Chapter 2539: The Army of Death

The grand elder's orders soon reached the various leaders in the Emyrean Demon Cult. Immediately, demonic aura surged from various places within the divine hall, and powerful energy pulsed.

The attack on the Cloudsurge Empire was a grand operation that the Emyrean Demon Cult had planned for a very long time. They had always been gathering soldiers across the years. As a result, over eighty percent of the Emyrean Demon Cult's forces were gathered in the branch. Now that they all showed themselves, it formed an earth-shaking sight. The terrifying presences cascaded together, and it was to the point where even the divine hall failed to keep it concealed. It began expanding outwards.

There were heavy, evil presences of death among these presences. They were especially powerful. The heavy sense of death they gave off was enough to send chills down the spines of Primordial realm experts.

"What's happening? Why have so many powerful presences suddenly appeared? What is the Emyrean Demon Cult doing?"

"This presence of death seems to be able to devour all life. Just sensing the presence makes my life force surge in an attempt to leave my body."

The expressions of the protectors from the Tian Yuan clan all changed as they shivered. All of them became restless.

Xu Ran became stern as well. Her eyes became extremely deep as they shone like two streaks of light. She directly looked in the direction of the presence. She thought to herself, "Does this presence come the army that is rumoured to be the most terrifying in the Emyrean Demon Cult, the Army of Death?"

Suddenly, everyone felt the divine hall they stood in shake. The dark divine hall suddenly took to the skies. It turned into a streak of black light, and with a swish, it shot through space and vanished. It moved extremely quickly.

Meanwhile, the black-robed old man that the Golden-striped Silver Snake had transformed into had invited over a few fellow subjects in the imperial palace of the Cloudsurge Empire. They had gathered in a luxurious hall.

His name was Tian Sheng, and he was well established in the Cloudsurge Empire. He was on good terms with most of the subjects in the Cloudsurge Empire.

Tian Shang had been heavily wounded by Xu Ran. His body had been cut in half. Even though he had reconnected the two parts, wounds still lingered, and he needed several years to make a full recovery.

As a result, he seemed pale-faced and haggard at the moment. He was sickly.

“The Tian Yuan clan of the Cloud Plane is far too bold. They’ve actually come to our Delight Plane to make trouble...”

“Not only did they make trouble, but they were even so arrogant about it. They actually injured a subject of our Cloudsurge Empire. That’s like a slap to our empire’s face...”

“That’s a huge provocation of our empire. We have to make them pay a heavy price...”

“We should pass down orders immediately to seal up the teleportation formations so that they can’t leave the Delight Plane. Once the Rain Abbess and everyone else returns, we will report it to her. We will kill our way onto the Cloud Plane and destroy the Tian Yuan clan. We will demonstrate the strength of our Cloudsurge Empire to everyone on the Delight Plane...”

“Tian Shang, lead the way. We’ll destroy them together...”

After learning about what Tian Shang went through, the four subjects gathered present were all furious. They spoke righteously as they gave off powerful presences.

As the greatest organisation on the Delight Plane, only Chaotic Primes had the right to hold the position of subject of the empire.

“There’s an extremely powerful old woman among them. She’s a Fifth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime at the very least. We’re barely enough to deal with her.” Tian Shan shook his head gently. Even though there were five Chaotic Primes gathered here, their cultivation levels were the same as his. They were all early Chaotic Primes, so there was still a difference between them and Xu Ran.

At this moment, the door was pushed open, and a man in red armor walked in. He gave off a fiery presence.

With his entry, the temperature in the entire hall rapidly rose.

“So what if she’s a Fifth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime? Since she’s bold enough to infringe on our Cloudsurge Plane, we can’t let them leave the Delight Plane alive,” said the armored man coldly and emotionlessly.

“Jin Yan, why’ve you come?” Tian Shang beamed with the man’s appearance. He immediately stood up to receive him with all the other subjects. They showed great respect.

Jin Yan was an extremely powerful subject within the Cloudsurge Empire. He was a Sixth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime.

“Tian Shang, once you find them, I’ll kill them all,” Jin Yan said coldly and powerfully.

“Haha, with brother Jin Yan taking action personally, the people from the Tian Yuan clan of the Cloud Plane will obviously be done for.” Tian Shang laughed aloud and immediately left with the subjects in an aggressive manner.



At the same time, the space near a fortress on the boundary of the Cloudsurge Empire suddenly trembled. A black streak of light shot over with pulsing energy and unbelievable speed, straight into the empire.

The black streak of light was a colossal divine hall. However, it was simply too fast, so people failed to even see its appearance. As a result, it just seemed like a streak of black light that vanished with a flash.

The fortress of the empire was naturally protected by powerful formations. The formations reacted as soon as they sensed the approach of the divine hall. They completely activated and bright light enveloped the fortress.

Boom!

With a deafening rumble, the black divine hall directly collided with the formations. The formations immediately collapsed, reduced to nothing by the towering walls of the divine hall. Many of the soldiers and cultivators who flowed in and out suffered as casualties, dying to the terrifying energy.

The black divine hall paused before speeding up once again, charging right into the Cloudsurge Empire.

The Emyrean Demon Cult openly attacked the Cloudsurge Empire, without any attempt at concealment, as there was no need for them to be sneaky given their influence.

“It’s the demonic castle of the Emyrean Demon Cult. It’s the demonic castle...” A bloodied old man hovered within the surging energy. He was the general stationed there and was an Infinite Prime. He had been heavily injured by the powerful energy.

He looked in the direction that the black divine hall had travelled off, and he could sense that something bad was about to happen. He became extremely stern.

The current emperor of the Cloudsurge Empire, Ye Yizhan, was in the imperial study. He was dealing with the major matters of the empire. Suddenly, the imperial seal he had placed on his table shone with dazzling light.

Ye Yizhan’s expression immediately changed slightly. He became fixated on the imperial seal and became stern.

The imperial seal was not just for inheriting the position of emperor. It was also the core control for the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood for the empire.

The formation was extremely powerful. It had been cast down by the greatest expert of the Delight Plane, the Rain Abbess. Aside from the Rain Abbess, everyone else needed to use the imperial seal to control the formation.

The imperial seal was the core of the formation, having fused with it. If anything happened to the formation, he could check through the imperial seal.

“Something major has happened in the empire! The imperial seal has sent a warning!” Ye Yizhan said sternly. He suddenly pressed his hand onto the imperial seal and controlled the entire formation through it to check what was happening.

“The Emyrean Demon Cult! It’s actually the Emyrean Demon Cult!” Ye Yizhan cried out. He became extremely solemn. All the peak experts of the Cloudsurge Empire had left with the Rain Abbess. The strongest people in the empire right now were only Chaotic Primes. The Emyrean Demon Cult had attacked right when they were weak, which gave him an ill omen.

At the same time, the armored Jin Yan and the four other subjects left the imperial city with Tian Shang. They were planning to exact revenge on Jian Chen and the others.

“Strange. I actually can’t sense the venom I left in that person.” Tian Shan frowned outside the imperial city.

However, at this moment, a streak of black light shot over with unbelievable speed. Space shifted and distorted wherever it passed by. The powerful pulses of energy directly produced pitch-black cracks in space.

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The eyes of Tian Shang, Jin Yan, and the other Chaotic Primes narrowed. They became fixated on the streak of black light that flew over and became stern. They were also feeling some surprise and disbelief.

“It’s the demonic castle of the Emyrean Demon Cult. They’ve actually intruded upon the territory of our Cloudsurge Empire. What are they doing?”

“What speed! Isn’t that the demonic castle of the Emyrean Demon Cult? Their demonic castle was only a low quality god artifact in the past, but i- it’s actually a high quality god artifact now...”

“High quality god artifact... There are so many presences of experts. Even the legendary Army of Death has appeared. Oh no, the Emyrean Demon Cult is attacking our Cloudsurge Empire...”

The expressions of the subjects all changed drastically. Their Cloudsurge Empire stood supreme on the Delight Plane, and it even possessed enough strength to unite the entire plane at any time. They did not take any peak organisations on the plane seriously.

Only the Emyrean Demon Cult, an organisation that was basically second-rate on the Delight Plane, could invoke fear in the Cloudsurge Empire.

This was because the Emyrean Demon Cult had established branches across the Saints’ World. These branches would usually be led by Infinite Primes, which was why they were second-rate organisations on a few planes.

However, many experts of the Saints’ World understood that once the Emyrean Demon Cult united all their strength, they would be extremely terrifying. They could easily kill most peak experts in the Saints’ World.

The Emyrean Demon Cult was the same as the Cloudsurge Empire. They also possessed the support of someone extremely terrifying, their legendary grand elder.

Tian Shang, Jin Yan, and the other Chaotic Primes were unaware of just how powerful the great elder of the Emyrean Demon Cult was. They only knew that the Heavenless Demon Exalt of the Cloud Plane had been easily slain by him.

Of course, that alone was not enough to cause Tian Shang and the others to begin panicking. After all, the Cloudsurge Empire had the Rain Abbess. That kept their empire stable.

The real reason for all this came from over a hundred thousand years ago. Back then, the emperor of the Cloudsurge Empire was about to send experts to eliminate the Emyrean Demon Cult, but they ended up drawing out the Rain Abbess. The Rain Abbess had personally ordered them to not provoke the Emyrean Demon Cult.

It was exactly because of this event that all the experts of the Cloudsurge Empire truly developed fear towards the Emyrean Demon Cult.

As a result, now that the Emyrean Demon Cult had come to make trouble, they all became stern.

The black divine hall seemed to sense their existence. Its trajectory changed slightly, and it slammed towards them. It surged with energy as powerful demonic aura formed a black cloud along the way, blotting out the sky.

“Dodge!” the strongest among these subjects, Jin Yan, called out and vanished in an instant.

The expressions of the other subjects all changed drastically. They all dodged frantically.

The divine hall was a high quality god artifact. It was extremely powerful. The energy it gave off was enough to force the Chaotic Primes to dodge.

That was because high quality god artifacts were usually the weapons of Grand Primes.

At the same time, a dense layer of mist suddenly appeared, enveloping the entire imperial city.

Lightning flickered and thunder rumbled within the dense clouds. Torrential rain fell, making the entire imperial city disappear in the rain.

The most powerful formation in the Cloudsurge Empire, the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood, had been activated.

The divine hall from the Emyrean Demon Cult was not under the control of a Grand Prime, so it was very difficult to unleash its power. It failed to strike Tian Shang and the others and collided into the formation instead.

Boom!

Immediately, a deafening rumble rang out. The collision of the divine hall and the formation was far too astonishing. Not only did it crack the ground outside the imperial capital, forming huge chasm upon huge chasm, but even the space there collapsed into nothingness.

Deep, frantic war drums rang out from within the formation. With the drums, all the power hidden within the imperial capital was mobilised.

The current emperor, Ye Yizhan, hovered in the air with the imperial seal in his hand. He was stern and cold, standing there silently.

Xu Ran appeared outside the divine hall and formation silently. She directly locked onto Tian Shang and struck out without a second thought.

“It’s the Tian Yuan clan. The Tian Yuan clan has actually banded together with the Emyrean Demon Cult to besiege our Cloudsurge Empire!” Tian Shang’s face immediately changed, and he cried out when he saw Xu Ran.

He had already witnessed Xu Ran’s strength previously, so he did not want to fight against her at all. The moment he saw Xu Ran, he started planning a path of retreat. He immediately approached Jin Yan.

Among all the subjects present, only Jin Yan had the power to fight Xu Ran.

“Hmph, Tian Yuan clan, from now onwards, you are the enemy of our Cloudsurge Empire! We will definitely destroy you!” Jin Yan snorted coldly in his red armor. Flames radiated from his body. The terrifying heat seemed to be able to burn space.

As if he had become a god of fire, the flames around him roared as the power of the Laws of Fire wrapped around him. He directly attacked Xu Ran with his halberd.

However, at this moment, there was a dazzling flash, and a black figure silently appeared outside the divine hall. He surged with demonic aura. He held a blood-red blade, which he slashed towards Jin Yan from ten thousand metres away.

The attack was filled with killing intent. As it fell, it seemed to slice the world in half. It shot through the air like it was unstoppable.

“One of the five generals of the Emyrean Demon Cult, Blade Demon!” Jin Yan’s expression changed drastically. He became extremely stern. The flames on him surged as his terrifying presence climbed. He pulled back the halberd that he swung at Xu Ran and placed it before him.

Clang!

The light and the halberd collided. The medium quality god artifact halberd in Jin Yan’s hands actually broke as the sound rang out, having been snapped in half.

Even a white mark appeared on his red armor.

Jin Yan’s expression was extremely ugly. He looked at Blade Demon with deep fear and no longer wanted to fight. He turned around and charged towards the formation behind him.

“Jin Yan, I’ve already waited for this day for fifty thousand years! Don’t you even think about running!” Blade Demon’s voice boomed out from within the demonic aura. He lifted his blood-red blade again and swung it towards Jin Yan with the rhythm of the world, producing a streak of resplendent light.

The strike this time was even more terrifying than the last. It shone like a scorching sun, illuminating the surroundings and filling it with endless blade intent.

Swish!

The streak of light locked onto Jin Yan’s presence, preventing him from escaping. It cut through Jin Yan’s body with a bright flash.

Immediately, Jin Yan stiffened. The next moment, his entire body split open right down the middle, falling down as two pieces. His soul failed to escape, having been wiped out there.

In just two attacks, the Sixth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime, Jin Yan, had died.