

## **Chaotic 2541**

### Chapter 2541: The Heaven-linking Bridge

“Subject Jin!”

Tian Shang and the other subjects of the Cloundsurge Empire cried out. They became extremely pale as their faces became filled with fear.

Jin Yan was a Sixth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime, more powerful than any of them, yet he had been slain so quickly. This matter had quite an impact on them.

“Quick, run...”

“Enter the formation, quick...”

The subjects were all frantic. They cried out as they desperately scurried towards the imperial capital behind them.

Blade Demon did not continue fighting after killing Jin Yan. Demonic aura permeated his surroundings, only revealing a dark figure. His true appearance was concealed.

He hovered to the side of the divine hall like a demonic god as he stared at the Formation of Cloundsurge and Rainflood up ahead coldly.

Xu Ran struck out once again. Brimming with killing intent, she directly targeted Tian Shang.

She had already received Jian Chen’s request to kill Tian Shang with everything that she had.

They needed Tian Shang’s blood to nullify Protector Xue’s venom, and the essence that Nubis had lost needed Tian Shang to make up for.

Tian Shang had become their greatest target.

“You’re dreaming if you want to kill me!” Tian Shang called out when he noticed Xu Ran charging towards him aggressively. Green, venomous mist immediately enveloped him.

Xu Ran’s hand struck the mist with terrifying might, causing the space there to collapse. However, Tian Shang had already vanished.

Tian Shang was extremely great at fleeing, not to mention that he was already ready to run. As a result, Xu Ran failed to even touch his clothes.

“Enter the Formation of Cloundsurge and Rainflood if you want to kill me.” Tian Shang’s sneer rang out from the formation.

The formation had been personally cast down by the Rain Abbess. It was the Cloundsurge Empire’s final line of defence. All the experts of the Cloundsurge Empire held great confidence in the formation.

This was because the formation could not be destroyed as long as no one more powerful than the Rain Abbess appeared.

Xu Ran smiled mysterious as she looked at the formation before her. She murmured, "If you were outside, I really wouldn't be able to kill you with your ability to escape, but now that you've entered the formation, your death has become set in stone."

When Tian Shang fled, the four other subjects he had gathered scurried into the formation as well.

The Empyrean Demon Cult did not try to kill them off on the spot. After all, they were only attacking the Cloudsurge Empire this time for some items. They did not want to destroy the empire.

"Empyrean Demon Cult, our Cloudsurge Empire has always respected you and kept our distance, so why are you launching such a great attack against us?" A heavy voice rang out from within the formation.

This was the voice of the current emperor, Ye Yizhan. His voice was filled with uncontrollable fury.

No one answered Ye Yizhan. However, at this moment, a fist-sized bridge floated out from the divine hall. It was small but detailed, carved from some type of jade. It shone with rainbow light.

Ye Yizhan hovered above the imperial palace within the capital. Even though his expression was very ugly, he remained extremely composed inside. He was fearless.

With the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood, Ye Yizhan did not worry about the imperial capital falling to the Empyrean Demon Cult's attack. The formation was extremely wondrous and possessed the power of the world. It was impenetrable.

However, when he saw the rainbow bridge that extended from the divine hall through the formation, he could no longer remain composed. His expression immediately changed drastically, and he cried out, "A Heaven-linking Bridge. It's a Heaven-linking Bridge. The Empyrean Demon Cult has even forged a Heaven-linking Bridge..."

Many Primordial realm experts gathered around Ye Yizhan. When they heard that, their faces changed suddenly, becoming extremely ugly.

"A Heaven-linking Bridge. It's actually a legendary Heaven-linking Bridge. It's said that the Heaven-linking Bridge is the killer of all formations in the world. The bridge can bypass them all..."

"No, it can't bypass all formations, only most of them. Heaven-linking Bridges are divided into various levels as well. The higher their level, the more powerful the formations that they can get through..."

"The Empyrean Demon Cult has drawn a Heaven-linking Bridge at this moment. Can this Heaven-linking Bridge pass through the protective formation of our Cloudsurge Empire, the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood?"

"Impossible. The formation was personally cast down by the Rain Abbess, so it's the best of the best. It's impossible for the Empyrean Demon Cult's Heaven-linking Bridge to be on a higher level than the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood."

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All the Primordial realm experts in the imperial palace were unsettled. Once they lost the protection of the formation, a bloody battle would unfold against the Empyrean Demon Cult.

At this moment, the bridge shone with a dazzling glow and became colossal in an instant. It was tens of thousand kilometres long, forming quite a shocking sight. It hung high in the sky like a bridge that was connected to heaven.

One side of the bridge hovered above the divine hall, while the other end directly pierced through the formation.

Immediately, the formation trembled. As if it was under the influence of some mysterious power, its operation became rather sluggish.

At the same time, all the people in the imperial capital saw the huge bridge worm its way through the formation like a huge dragon, landing on the ground heavily with a deep rumble. It caused the ground to shake.

All the experts in the imperial palace became extremely stern. The Heaven-linking Bridge actually managed to bypass the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood. They all sensed an ill omen as a result.

“Everyone, prepare for battle! I’ve already contacted the ancestors, and they should return very soon. We only need to keep them busy until then,” called out the emperor of the Cloudsurge Empire, Ye Yizhan. The Heaven-linking Bridge was indestructible, so the entry of the Emyrean Demon Cult could not be stopped. They could only engage them in a bloody battle now.

Outside, the divine hall of the Emyrean Demon Cult had already flown onto the Heaven-linking Bridge, gradually approaching the formation.

Countless bolts of lightning appeared within the formation, shooting towards the divine hall as terrifying spears. At the same time, endless, torrential rain bombarded the divine hall destructively with the power of ways.

The formation launched brutal attacks. Every bolt of lightning and every droplet of rain was extremely terrifying. They possessed enough power to shake up the world, enough to easily kill some peak experts.

The attacks were endless, coming wave after wave to stop the divine hall’s advance.

The divine hall endured the attack of the storm as it slowly slid across the bridge. Its speed was limited.

If it were not for the fact that the divine hall was a high quality god artifact, it probably would have collapsed under the attacks of the formation already.

When the divine hall passed over Jin Yan’s corpse, a figure emerged from inside. He hid below it and landed on the ground silently, stowing Jin Yan’s severed corpse into his Space Ring.

The figure was Jian Chen.

“The corpse of a Sixth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime is great nourishment for the Immortal Devouring Orchid. It’s just a pity that his Space Ring is gone,” Jian Chen murmured. He carefully dodged the spatial cracks in the surroundings and charged back into the divine hall with a swish.

Chapter 2542: True Strength

The colossal divine hall endured the attacks and slowly slid across the bridge. It drew closer and closer to the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood before it.

At this moment, a pulse of energy suddenly erupted from within the formation. A dragon and phoenix flew out from the formation and charged towards the divine hall with a dragon's roar and a phoenix's cry.

They were not a true dragon and phoenix. Instead, the dragon was conjured from all the mist and clouds, while the phoenix was condensed from the rain with the power of ways. They attacked the divine hall with terrifying might.

Between the dragon and the phoenix was a huge bolt of lightning that was hundreds of metres thick. It shone with dazzling light, ripping through the dark space and striking the divine hall with devastating power.

This was the power that Ye Yizhan controlled through the imperial seal in his hand. He wanted to stop the advance of the divine hall.

The divine hall became slower and slower under the powerful attacks of the formation.

Originally, it should not suffer so much as a high quality god artifact, but the high quality god artifact was unable to demonstrate its full potential due to the lack of a Grand Prime. It could only endure the attacks with its toughness.

All of their experts had already gathered together in the Cloudsurge Empire, facing the colossal divine hall sternly.

The Golden-striped Silver Snake, Tian Shang, happened to be among them.

However, he was extremely stern at this moment. He stared right at the divine hall that used the Heaven-linking Bridge to pass through the formation as the light in his eyes flickered with uncertainty.

"God dammit. I never thought the Emyrean Demon Cult would have a Heaven-linking Bridge. If I had known earlier, I wouldn't have returned to the imperial capital," Tian Shang cursed inside. He had been too confident about the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood. He believed that as long as the formation existed, the Emyrean Demon Cult would never be able to get through to the city. However, the appearance of the Heaven-linking Bridge allowed him to sense how horrible the situation had become.

If he were outside right now, he could use his abilities to escape and leave the Delight Plane easily.

However, inside the formation, he was greatly restricted.

The quality of the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood was simply too great. It was an extremely powerful God Tier formation. Now that it had been completely activated, it was impossible for him to pass through it even if he used everything he had.

By now, the demonic aura had already surged in through the Heaven-linking Bridge. The divine hall had already entered the imperial capital. It gave off a tremendous might, pressing into the imperial capital along the way. Wherever it went, demonic aura would permeate the area and reduce it to darkness.

“Of the surging clouds and flooding rain, transform the sky into the world!” The emperor of the Cloudsurge Empire, Ye Yizhan, bellowed out. He lifted the imperial seal high into the air, and it immediately shone with dazzling light, seemingly fusing with the formation.

Immediately, the space within the formation distorted. A mysterious power appeared, isolating the space and forging another world. It sealed the divine hall there.

The divine hall came to a halt. The space in its surroundings distorted as time descended into chaos. The formation created line upon line of seals, seemingly creating another world to keep the divine hall trapped there.

Ye Yizhan had used the power of the formation to restrain the divine hall.

After all, the divine hall was a high quality god artifact. It was impenetrable. If he allowed it to rampage in the imperial city, no one there would be able to stop it.

The divine hall shone brightly as it erupted with terrifying power. Surging demonic aura filled the surroundings, reducing it to darkness.

The divine hall began to counterattack, coming into conflict with the formation.

The formation began to tremble, and the space that kept the divine hall trapped trembled as well. It became very unstable, showing signs of collapse.

“My cultivation is far too low. I can only unleash a portion of the formation’s power.” Ye Yizhan was stern. He looked at the imperial seal in his hand before biting the tip of his tongue resolutely. He sprayed a mouthful of essence blood onto the imperial seal.

Immediately, the imperial seal shone with dazzling light. The power that the formation displayed immediately increased slightly.

As this all happened, the grand elder of the Emyrean Demon Cult, Cheng Ming, sat in the air within the divine hall as a soul. He was stern.

His hands constantly moved about before him, forming seals. He used a secret technique his master had passed onto him to control the divine hall.

A droplet of blood hovered above his head. The energy in the blood was extremely powerful. At this moment, slivers of energy scattered from the droplet of blood with Cheng Ming’s seals, fusing into the divine hall.

The main energy source powering the divine hall was this droplet of blood!

“The droplet of blood from master can only power this divine hall for three days. We have to retreat after three days,” thought Cheng Ming. The time that they had was extremely short.

“It’s just a pity that the original owner of this divine hall died at the hands of master, and the artifact spirit held grudges, refusing to yield the entire time. In the end, he was mercilessly slain by master. If I had the artifact spirit’s assistance, controlling the divine hall would be much easier,” as soon as he thought of that, Cheng Ming felt that it was a great pity. However, he called out soon afterwards and formed a strange seal with both hands before pressing them onto the ground.

Immediately, a beam of black light shot out from the divine hall. It wove together into a profound inscription, directly shooting into the formation. It became entangled with the formation that guarded the city.

“Oh no, the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood has been pinned down. I can’t control it through the imperial seal anymore.” Ye Yizhan’s expression changed.

At the same time, the armies of the Emyrean Demon Cult surged out from the divine hall. They seemed like a dark cloud from a distance. They were innumerable.

With the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainfall pinned down, the armies of the Emyrean Demon Cult were formally mobilised as well. They were all elites, composed of Godhood experts.

The elites were well-trained. As soon as they emerged from the divine hall, they fell into their formations and amplified their strengths to the limit. Under the leadership of some Godkings, they pressed forwards.

In the sky were the Primordial realm experts of the Emyrean Demon Cult. There were so many of them that it surprised the experts of the Cloudsurge Empire.

“There are actually over two hundred Primordial realm experts. How does the Emyrean Demon Cult have so many Primordial realm experts?” The expressions of many of the subjects changed. Such a number was over two times more than what their empire possess.

“Hmph, they’re all just Infinite Primes, and more than seventy percent of them are early Infinite Primes. There are definitely no more than ten Chaotic Primes. Our empire is no weaker than them.”

#### Chapter 2543: The Army of Death

The Emyrean Demon Cult formally clashed with the Cloudsurge Empire. Regular soldiers faced regular soldiers as Primordial realm experts faced Primordial realm experts. The entire imperial capital was shrouded by surging demonic aura.

The armies of the Cloudsurge Empire were not weak either. They were elites composed of Godkings, and all of them stood in battle formations against the Emyrean Demon Cult.

However, the Emyrean Demon Cult outnumbered the Cloudsurge Empire. After all, the Emyrean Demon Cult had many branches across the Saints’ World, and every single one of them raised many experts. Some branches even possessed their own Hall of Protectors, a group completely composed out of Godkings.

With all the branches gathered together, the Emyrean Demon Cult obviously possessed a terrifying number of Godhood experts. They completely crushed the Cloudsurge Empire.

As a result, as soon as the armies started fighting, the Cloudsurge Empire was firmly suppressed. A large amount of casualties appeared in a short moment.

At the same time, the Emyrean Demon Cult possessed an absolute advantage in terms of Infinite Primes as well. They had over two hundred of them.

The Cloudsurge Empire only had eighty to ninety Infinite Primes.

The only advantage they possessed was in the number of Chaotic Primes.

The Emyrean Demon Cult had many Infinite Primes but extremely few Chaotic Primes. Apart from the grand elder and the generals, there had no one else.

The grand elder was just a soul, so he was unable to participate in the battle. Additionally, one of the five generals had died, so only four remained now.

On the other hand, the Cloudsurge Empire possessed over a dozen Chaotic Primes.

Of course, there were only a handful of Chaotic Primes that truly belonged to the imperial family. The rest had been roped in, occupying positions as subjects just like Tian Shang.

At this moment, a terrifying streak of light shot through the air, heading towards the Chaotic Primes of the Cloudsurge Empire.

Blade Demon of the five generals struck out. He wielded his blood-red blade as he surged with demonic aura, charging out like he was unstoppable.

Behind him, Cloud Demon, Wind Demon, and Blood Demon struck out as well. They were not as powerful as Blade Demon, but they were still extremely powerful. They possessed special abilities and great might.

All the Chaotic Primes of the Cloudsurge Empire set out. They went up to receive the four generals of the Emyrean Demon Cult aggressively.

One of them was extremely powerful, a Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime. He faced off against Blade Demon.

Cloud Demon, Wind Demon, and Blood Demon all encountered their own opponents as well.

However, the Chaotic Primes of the Cloudsurge Empire possessed an absolute numerical advantage. It was impossible for just the four generals of the Emyrean Demon Cult to handle them all.

“Chaotic Fusion!” At this moment, some Infinite Primes from the Emyrean Demon Cult called out together. Several formation scrolls flew out between them, shining with hazy light while giving off a heavy, ancient presence.

Around a dozen Infinite Primes stood around each formation scroll. They stood in special positions as they poured their energy into the scrolls.

Immediately, the formation scrolls erupted with dazzling light. Terrifying pulses of energy radiated out. Under the control of the Infinite Primes, the scrolls produced terrifying beams of light.

These beams of light had reached the levels of Chaotic Primes, and they directly enveloped the subjects of the Cloudsurge Empire.

However, even with that being the case, the Cloudsurge Empire still possessed an absolute advantage in the battlefield of Chaotic Primes.

However, a blood-red mist suddenly sprayed out from the divine hall of the Emyrean Demon Cult. Colossal figures seemed to exist within the demonic mist.

They were blood-red skeletons that stood at several dozen metres tall. There were a lot of them, ranging into the thousands, and they gave off the presence of death. They marched over neatly, and they would make the ground shake with each step.

“It’s the Empyrean Demon Cult’s Army of Death!”

From the imperial palace, Ye Yizhan stared right at the blood-red skeletons and became stern.

Although this was the first time he had personally seen the Army of Death, he had heard quite a lot about this powerful army.

It was said that they were a truly unkillable army. They were the greatest force of the Empyrean Demon Cult. They would never be easily mobilised, but they were unstoppable once they were.

“What a heavy presence of death. I- i- is this the Empyrean Demon Cult’s legendary Army of Death...”

“Oh no, it’s the Army of Death. This so-called Army of Death is actually raised from the remains of countless experts...”

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Many Primordial realm experts took notice of the special army in the Cloudsurge Empire, and their faces all changed suddenly.

The Army of Death had finally exposed itself before everyone. Just as its name suggested, it was not composed of cultivators but the remains of cultivators. They had been raised through special methods. They could not think, and they were not alive. They were just humanoid remains that gave off a heavy sense of death.

There were not a lot of them, only around ten thousand, but these blood-red skeletons pressured all the experts of the Cloudsurge Empire greatly.

This was because it was rumoured that many Chaotic Primes had fallen to the Army of Death before.

This was an infamous army of demons!

At this moment, the blood-red skeletons began to merge with one another. Their numbers rapidly decreased.

They joined together through a special method. As the skeletons rapidly decreased, the pressure they gave off strengthened. Their bodies swelled as well, becoming larger and larger.

In just a few seconds, over ten thousand skeletons had vanished. Three skeletons that towered at several hundred metres tall appeared instead.

Like demonic gods, they possessed the pressure of death. They were enveloped and shrouded by dense, bloody mist.

At this moment, the three skeletons moved. They wielded a huge, bone club each as they swung them directly towards three Chaotic Primes of the Cloudsurge Empire.

Bang! Bang! Bang!



With three heavy thuds, the three early Chaotic Primes were sent flying with the strikes. The protective light around them dimmed as the power of ways that they had condensed dispersed. Blood oozed from the corner of their mouths.

With a single strike, an early Chaotic Prime was injured.

“Be careful! The skeletons possess a power that can corrode the soul!” The three Chaotic Primes called out as they experienced lingering fear.

The moment they came into contact with the skeletons, they felt a piercing pain from their souls. They had been harmed by an invisible power.

The three blood-red skeletons struck out once again. They swung their bone clubs towards the Chaotic Primes of the Cloudsurge Empire.

With their entry into the battle, the Emyrean Demon Cult finally recovered their situation with the Chaotic Primes. They even managed to gain the upper hand gradually.

Xu Ran joined the battle as well. She stared at the Golden-striped Silver Snake, Tian Shang, and tried to kill him.

Now that the entire imperial capital was enveloped by the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood, the space inside was sealed up. No matter how skilled Tian Shang was at fleeing, he was unable to escape from the formation. As a result, he could only run around within the formation.

In the end, after using his secret techniques three times, Tian Shang’s head was struck by Xu Ran’s palm strike, which killed him.

And that was how the Second Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime, Tian Shang, died!

“Here’s the corpse of the snake for you.” Xu Ran tossed Tian Shang’s body to Jian Chen before charging into the sky and engaging in a battle against a subject of the Cloudsurge Empire.

Jian Chen tossed the corpse to Nubis to allow him to purge the venom from protector Xue. Afterwards, he went to participate in the battle as well.

There were many Primordial realm experts involved in the battle this time, with even more Godhood cultivators. This was a great opportunity for him to collect nourishment for the Immortal Devouring Orchid, so he did not want to miss it.

“Jian Chen, come with me. Let’s go to the forbidden grounds in the depths of the imperial palace. That’s where the Rain Abbess cultivates. Both the Innate Orchid of Five Elements and what master needs are there,” Cheng Ming called to Jian Chen.

Chapter 2544: The Spatial Insect Emperor

Jian Chen concealed his presence and left the divine hall with the grand elder.

The grand elder was wearing a set of armor. The armor did not seem special, but it was a medium quality god artifact. It could protect the grand elder’s soul.

Energy had turned into terrifying storms that wreaked havoc in the surroundings. Extremely terrifying streaks of light would fall down from time to time with devastating power.

The battle outside was extremely intense. People would get wounded or die at every moment, and the ground had already been dyed red, forming rivers of blood.

Jian Chen and Cheng Ming landed on the ground silently. They mixed into the messy crowd, using their surroundings to cover them as they made their way towards the depths of the imperial palace.

All the experts of the empire were taking part in the battle, so no one noticed them. They passed through the many halls smoothly as they hid themselves purposefully. They arrived in the forbidden grounds without alarming anyone.

As soon as they arrived there, Jian Chen's heart shivered. He could clearly feel danger with his sharp senses.

The danger was fatal.

Jian Chen was stern as he stared at the empty entrance to the forbidden grounds. He knew the forbidden grounds definitely would not be as simple as it seemed on the surface.

"This forbidden ground is where the four Grand Primes of the Cloudsurge Empire cultivate. Anyone who barges in there without their permission will definitely die, as the soul of a Spatial Insect Emperor is sealed in the space here. It guards this place." The grand elder stopped. He did not approach the forbidden grounds. Instead, he explained to Jian Chen, "Spatial Insects are a type of space beast. They're a rather special species, possessing the natural ability to fuse with space. They truly have the ability to come and go soundlessly, making them very difficult to deal with. As for Spatial Insect Emperors, they're akin to Grand Primes. Even for people who are slightly stronger than a given Spatial Insect Emperor, killing them is almost impossible."

"However, this Spatial Insect Emperor was very unlucky. It just happened to run into the Rain Abbess, who had grasped the Laws of Space. In the end, it was slain by the Rain Abbess, and its soul was sealed here..."

"Grand elder, just how powerful is this Rain Abbess?" Jian Chen could not help but become curious about this foreign Rain Abbess when he heard her being mentioned again.

He heard about the Rain Abbess the most after coming to the Delight Plane. She was a supreme existence that instilled fear in all the peak experts of the Delight Plane.

Cheng Ming was stern. "The Rain Abbess is very powerful. The Azure Peng King who hunted you down before isn't even her opponent."

Jian Chen's heart shivered when he heard that. He developed a strong sense of dread towards her.

"Be careful and hide your presence. Don't alarm the beast soul hidden in the space there. We're about to enter," the grand elder called out at this moment. With a flip of his hand, a rainbow Heaven-linking Bridge appeared, directly extending into the depths of the forbidden grounds.

“The forbidden grounds are extremely dangerous. Not only do they have the Spatial Insect Emperor’s soul, but the place is also protected by powerful formations. We can only enter through the Heaven-linking Bridge,” said Cheng Ming before stepping onto the bridge with Jian Chen.

“Oh no, someone has intruded the forbidden grounds. It’s a Heaven-linking Bridge. A Heaven-linking Bridge has appeared in the forbidden grounds...”

At this moment, a cry rang out in the distance. A Chaotic Prime discovered what was happening in the forbidden grounds and spoke out to warn everyone.

Immediately, some of the Chaotic Primes wanted to break free and tend to it, but they were entangled by their opponents.

“We can’t let them intrude the forbidden grounds. Quick, awaken the Spatial Insect Emperor...” Ye Yizhan bellowed.

With that, determination flooded the face of an armored Godking. He did not hide his presence, and he charged towards the forbidden grounds aggressively.

“Go!” The grand elder frowned and called for Jian Chen. The two of them stepped onto the Heaven-linking Bridge and rapidly approached the forbidden grounds.

Just when they passed through the various invisible formations, the armored Godking arrived.

However, at this moment, something happened. The space near the forbidden grounds shattered like a mirror all of a sudden, becoming covered with web-like cracks.

The armored Godking stood within the cracks. He was carved into pieces.

Fortunately, his soul managed to escape. He fled towards the distance with a face full of fear.

Unfortunately, before he could travel very far away, the space in front of him was ripped open again. Like a beast’s gaping mouth, it devoured the Godking’s soul whole.

“The Spatial Insect Emperor!” The emperor of the Cloudsurge Empire became extremely stern. He stared at the space near the forbidden grounds as he showed deep fear.

At this moment, the space that had been ripped open near the forbidden grounds closed up in an instant as if it was under the influence of some mysterious power. However, in the next moment, the space there suddenly froze and everything fell silent.

The Heaven-linking Bridge was affected as well. Its rainbow light froze, clearly seizing up with the space.

“The soul of the Spatial Insect Emperor has been awakened. It wants to restrain our Heaven-linking Bridge. Hmph, if you were at your peak condition, that naturally would not have been a problem, but you’re just a soul right now,” Cheng Ming sneered, and with a thought, the Heaven-linking Bridge immediately shrank, easily retreating out of the frozen space.

In the end, the huge bridge shrank back to its original, tiny size and was stowed away by Cheng Ming.

Hiss!

A sharp hiss rang out from outside the forbidden grounds. It could pierce through anything, causing Jian Chen's soul to ache slightly.

This was a furious cry from the beast soul. In the next moment, the space outside the forbidden grounds shook violently, and the landscape outside immediately turned into a blur.

"Let's go. The Rain Abbess has personally arranged this place, so the beast soul won't be able to enter. Let's not waste any time." Cheng Ming no longer paid any attention to the Spatial Insect Emperor's soul. He took Jian Chen away without even looking back, entering the depths of the forbidden grounds.

Cheng Ming seemed to know the layout of the forbidden grounds extremely well. He made his way to a beautiful courtyard easily with Jian Chen.

"This is where the Rain Abbess cultivates. Everything that we want is with the Rain Abbess," Cheng Ming said as he pointed at the courtyard before directly entering it.

"Grand elder, aren't there any formations here?" Jian Chen could not help but ask when he saw how Cheng Ming did not prepare himself for anything.

The grand elder chuckled from that. "All the protective measures are outside. Since we passed through them, everything else is easy. Don't worry. Where the Rain Abbess cultivates is very safe. There are no dangers hidden at all."

Chapter 2545: The Rain Abbess Returns

Standing within the area where the Rain Abbess cultivated in the forbidden grounds of the Clousurge Empire, Jian Chen sternly studied the place. His caution did not lessen at all.

Even though the grand elder had sworn that it was very safe here, Jian Chen still did not dare to be careless. After all, this was where a Grand Prime cultivated.

Moreover, it was not just a regular Grand Prime, but a figure who stood supreme on the Delight Plane.

The place had a very simple arrangement. The only structure in the not particularly large courtyard was a small building that stood at three storeys high.

There was a small garden around the building and a small fish pond. There was nothing else apart from that.

Many wondrous plants and flowers were planted in the garden. Every single one was extraordinary and priceless. The fragrance they gave off could focus the minds of people and bring them peace.

A few fish thrived in the pond nearby.

The fish were not ordinary either. They all pulsed with powerful energy.

Jian Chen's eyes narrowed when he noticed the extraordinary fish. He could actually sense energy that was no weaker than Godkings from them.

Jian Chen could not help but arrive beside the pond and stare at the fish in there. He sighed in amazement. The Rain Abbess was truly the greatest expert of the Delight Plane. Even the fish she kept where she cultivated were so extraordinary.

“Haha, Innate Spiritual Mud contaminated with Xuanhuang Qi. The Rain Abbess really does have the Innate Orchid of Five Elements raised in Innate Spiritual Mud.” At this moment, the grand elder’s voice rang out from behind the small building. His voice was filled with undisguised joy.

Jian Chen immediately left the pool of water and hovered towards the small building.

However, unbeknownst to Jian Chen, when he left the pond, one of the fish in there raised its head slightly. A sliver of intelligence appeared in its muddy eyes.

At that moment, the fish seemed to possess intelligence. It stared at Jian Chen and the area behind the building cleverly, and its gaze immediately became cold.

However, this only lasted for a single second before vanishing. The fish’s gaze became clouded once again, and it began swimming around aimlessly in the pond.

Jian Chen arrived behind the building and discovered another pond that was only around ten metres wide. It gave off a faint sense of Xuanhuang Qi.

A plate-sized flower was planted in the centre of the pond. It was extremely special. It only had five petals, and the color of each petal was different. They were the colors of metal, wood, water, fire, and earth.

“Is this the Innate Orchid of Five Elements?” Jian Chen’s eyes narrowed. They began to burn with interest. With the Innate Orchid of Five Elements, they could fix Xiao Ling’s defects.

Besides, Xiao Jin could greatly benefit from the flower as well.

Jian Chen had not infiltrated the forbidden grounds of the Cloudsurge Empire for himself. It was completely for Xiao Jin and Xiao Ling.

“What dense Xuanhuang Qi.” Jian Chen was secretly amazed. The Xuanhuang Qi within the Innate Orchid of Five Elements was even denser and more pure than the heavenly resources he previously obtained from a Xuanhuang Microcosm.

Moreover, he discovered that the Innate Orchid of Five Elements was not the only thing with Xuanhuang Qi. Even the liquid within the pond and the mud at the bottom of the pool contained Xuanhuang Qi.

Whether it be the liquid or the mud, they were both rare in the Saints’ World, making them extremely precious.

“Innate Spiritual Mud and Innate Spiritual Liquid are the best materials for rebuilding a body. Moreover, the mud and liquid even come from a Xuanhuang Microcosm, contaminating them with Xuanhuang Qi, which makes them even rarer. There isn’t a lot of Innate Spiritual Mud and Innate Spiritual Liquid contaminated with Xuanhuang Qi in the Saints’ World. Master just happens to need them.”

“And I also need Innate Spiritual Mud and Innate Spiritual Liquid to rebuild my body.” The grand elder was excited. Now that Innate Spiritual Mud and Innate Spiritual Liquid contaminated with Xuanhuang Qi was presented before him, he struggled to remain composed despite his mental fortitude.

“Once I reconstruct my body with the Innate Spiritual Mud and Innate Spiritual Liquid here, I’ll be able to breakthrough the bottleneck immediately and reach Grand Prime. Moreover, it’ll be far easier for me to

break through in the future if my body contains Xuanhuang Qi." The grand elder was excited. He was eager for the future.

Afterwards, he took out a rectangular wooden box and carefully stowed the Innate Orchid of Five Elements in there. Afterwards, he began collecting the mud and the liquid.

When the Empyrean Demon Cult waged war against the Cloudsurge Empire, the other peak clans and everlasting empires, along with many experts and ancient existences, all paid close attention. Powerful senses of the soul swept through the sky above the Cloudsurge Empire.

"The Rain Abbess isn't present, and the three Grand Primes of the Cloudsurge Empire aren't present either. Without their support, the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood cannot unleash its full strength. We can easily destroy the formation if we take action and destroy the empire in an instant..."

"The Cloudsurge Empire has been brimming with ambition. They've never given up on conquering the entire plane, so they pose a great threat to us. We might as well use this opportunity to destroy the empire in a single stroke together..."

"We must not. As long as they have the Rain Abbess, we can't do that. Everyone must understand just how terrifying the Rain Abbess is. Even if we work together, we're not the Rain Abbess' opponent..."

"That's right. As long as the Rain Abbess is alive, that is another day we can't touch the Cloudsurge Empire. Otherwise, once the Rain Abbess decides to look for revenge, we might be able to escape elsewhere, but our clans will be doomed..."

The ancestors of various organisations discussed from various locations of the Delight Plane. Some people were tempted to attack the Cloudsurge Empire.

However, at this moment, a heavy, black cloud suddenly shrouded the entire Delight Plane. Lightning flashed and thunder boomed within it, producing illuminating lightning and deafening rumbles. The terrifying thunder seemed to create a hole in the sky.

With that, the Delight Plane that had been cloudless suddenly began to rain. The rain covered an extremely great region. It was not just a city, a state or a region but all five regions.

At that moment, if someone looked over from outer space, they would discover that the entire Delight Plane was flooded by a thick layer of clouds.

The rain that enveloped the entire plane might not have appeared to be anything special in the eyes of ordinary people.

However, the expressions of the peak experts who knew about it changed.

As a matter of fact, several ancient and powerful existences had already shown themselves in the air. They stared at the sky sternly.

"T- this is the true Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood. The Rain Abbess has returned. The Rain Abbess has returned..." The Primordial realm experts looked at the sky and cried out. Deep fear and dread filled their eyes.

Chapter 2546: Expert of the Way of the Sword

The Rain Abbess, who could dominate the entire Delight Plane, had returned. This immediately unsettled all the peak experts of the Delight Plane. As for the experts who had wanted to swiftly annihilate the Cloudsurge Empire while the Rain Abbess was gone, they all gave up on that idea.

At that moment, they could not help but celebrate that they had not struck out earlier, or they would have been unable to imagine the consequences.

“Haha, the Emyrean Demon Cult attacked the Cloudsurge Empire while the Rain Abbess was gone, but now that she has returned, let’s see how the Emyrean Demon Cult tidies up after themselves...” A few Primordial realm experts watched on cheerfully. It was as if they wanted to witness destruction.

“There’s an extremely powerful great elder behind the Emyrean Demon Cult. Now that the Rain Abbess has returned, the mysterious great elder should appear...”

“It’s said that the great elder of the Emyrean Demon Cult killed a Grand Prime who had just reached the Fourth Heavenly Layer effortlessly. The Rain Abbess can do that as well. I wonder who is stronger between the Rain Abbess and the great elder of the Emyrean Demon Cult...”

A few Primordial realm experts thought eagerly. They wanted to see the great elder clash with the Rain Abbess.

They could all tell that the battle between the armies of the Emyrean Demon Cult and Cloudsurge Empire had reached a high intensity. Both sides suffered heavy casualties, so the grievance had become deep. The Cloudsurge Empire would never just drop the matter. Only the peak experts of the respective sides could come and tidy up the situation.

There were even some peak experts who secretly communicated with one another and reached an agreement that they would strike once the Rain Abbess and the great elder of the Emyrean Demon Cult were heavily injured. They would kill the Rain Abbess and remove the Cloudsurge Empire’s ultimate pillar of support.

With the Rain Abbess dead, the Cloudsurge Empire would no longer pose a threat in their eyes. They could destroy the empire easily if they worked together.

“The Rain Abbess has returned sooner than I expected.” Cheng Ming paused as he collected the liquid and mud in the forbidden grounds of the Cloudsurge Empire. He raised his head and looked at the sky concealed by the formation. His gaze deepened.

Jian Chen was stern because he had completely lost the ability to detect any changes in the outside world due to the formation. However, he could clearly sense a vast pressure fall from the sky, and it was to the point where he found it suffocating.

“Grand elder!” Jian Chen looked at Cheng Ming. He felt an ill omen with the Rain Abbess’ return. He would be of no use against such a person.

Moreover, he knew that once the Rain Abbess returned, the might of the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood would be completely unleashed. At that time, not only would the Emyrean Demon Cult’s divine hall be suppressed, but even the Heaven-linking Bridge would be unable to pass through the formation.

Both the Heaven-linking Bridge and the divine hall could only be used against a Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainfall that lacked the support of a Grand Prime.

However, the grand elder remained composed. As if he was certain about success, he said, "Don't worry. The early return of the Rain Abbess is within my calculations. After all, she is one of the few experts who have comprehended the Laws of Space. Naturally, she would be extremely fast."

Jian Chen's heart jumped. "Grand elder, will senior Mo Tianyun be coming?"

In Jian Chen's opinion, only Mo Tianyun could hold off the Rain Abbess, as according to his understanding of the Empyrean Demon Cult, although they had many Godkings and Infinite Primes, they would be far weaker than other peak organisations in terms of Chaotic Primes.

As for Grand Primes, there was only Mo Tianyun.

The Empyrean Demon Cult was not like the Cloudsurge Empire that recruited many foreign experts. Within the Empyrean Demon Cult, ranging from the Origin realm to Chaotic Prime, all of them were disciples of the cult. They may have comprehended different laws, but they all practised demonic arts.

"If master could take part, why would we have gone to such great lengths to do this? Master has even more important matters to attend to. He won't be coming," said Cheng Ming. He looked at the sky deeply before no longer paying any more attention to it. He continued to collect the liquid and mud.

"How dare you steal my Innate Orchid of Five Elements! Empyrean Demon Cult, you sure are bold!"

A booming voice rang out in the sky. It was a woman's voice, pleasant and feminine, but it also contained endless coldness and fury. It rang across the five regions of the Delight Plane, and the voice alone caused the ground to shake slightly.

The Rain Abbess had returned. She stood in the air within the torrential rain. She used the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood to envelope the entire Delight Plane, using the formation to seal up all the space there.

At that moment, the Delight Plane seemed to become its own, independent world, completely cut off from the outside world. Even all the interplanar teleportation formations were rendered useless.

The Rain Abbess clearly did this to trap the Empyrean Demon Cult on the Delight Plane and prevent them from escaping.

The Empyrean Demon Cult's actions had completely infuriated her.

"This is a fusion of the Laws of Space and the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood. The Rain Abbess has actually sealed up the entire Delight Plane!" At the same time, the expressions of the various ancient existences and ancestors across the Delight Plane changed.

"Dammit, the Rain Abbess is just far too forceful. Does she really think that the Delight Plane belongs to her? She has actually cast down such a terrifying formation without any warning at all, locking up the entire plane..." Many ancient existences were furious as some of them trembled.

At this moment, a streak of light suddenly shot over from the depths of outer space. It was extremely bright, illuminating the black space and making all the stars dim in comparison.



The streak of light moved unbelievably fast, covering billions of kilometres at every moment. It seemed to have surpassed the shackles of time and space, rushing over with lightning speed. It appeared right outside the Delight Plane despite being in the depths of outer space moments prior.

A simple sword hovered within the streak of light. It directly slashed at the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood on the Delight Plane with piercing power of the Laws of the Sword.

The strike was terrifying. As it fell, the world descended into darkness. Space shattered and all light disappeared.

A cold snort suddenly rang out from within the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood. The Rain Abbess charged out. A thick layer of clouds wrapped around her as her presence surged, making the galaxies tremble.

A sword long and thin like a willow's branch appeared in the Rain Abbess' hand. She directly stabbed out.

The sword fused with the surrounding space, moving like a bolt of lightning. It collided with the simple sword.

Boom!

The collision was astonishing. It was truly devastating. Large swathes of space collapsed, forming a hole that was several hundred metres across, devouring everything there.

The sword that had shot over from the depths of space matched the Rain Abbess.

"The Rain Abbess has actually encountered an opponent. Who is this? Is it the great elder of the Emyrean Demon Cult?"

"No, he doesn't have any demonic aura at all. It's purely the Laws of the Sword. He can't be the great elder of the Emyrean Demon Cult..."

"What powerful Laws of the Sword. Just the power in that strike alone would have been enough to kill us. He's so powerful..."

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The peak experts on the Delight Plane said sternly. Their eyes shone brightly as they stared at the battle in outer space. They were shocked.

Chapter 2547: Sudden Change

Light shone like a resplendent river of stars, illuminating the dark outer space.

The expert of the Way of the Sword struck out once again. Clad with light, sword intent surged from his body. Every time he struck out, he would shatter space. He was extremely powerful.

On the other side, the Rain Abbess was wrapped in the power of clouds and rain as lightning danced in her surroundings. With the Laws of Space revolving around her, she struck out mightily with her thin sword, clashing with the expert of the Way of the Sword.

Their battle was extremely intense. Every strike and move was devastating. Even the stars shook as if they were trembling in fear.

In a mere five seconds, the two of them had clashed hundreds of times. They went from close to the Delight Plane to the depths of outer space. The dark, cold space collapsed from their battles, and spatial cracks were strewn everywhere. Huge, black holes appeared one after another.

All the ancient and powerful existences extended the senses of their souls from the Delight Plane. They paid close attention to this battle as the two experts travelled further and further into outer space.

All of these people were supreme figures who stood at the peak of a plane. They were Grand Primes, and the senses of their souls were extremely powerful. They could easily envelope an entire plane, so they were able to follow the battle.

“The Rain Abbess has actually encountered an opponent...”

“This expert is at the Fifth Heavenly Layer at the very least. He might even be at the peak of the Fifth Heavenly Layer since he is able to match up to the Rain Abbess...”

“The Rain Abbess is far more powerful than we previously imagined. Even such a terrifying expert of the Way of the Sword isn’t able to keep her at bay...”

“The Emyrean Demon Cult cannot be underestimated. Apart from their legendary great elder, there’s actually such a great expert of the Way of the Sword as well...”

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The grand elder, Cheng Ming, continued to collect the Innate Spiritual Liquid and the Innate Spiritual Mud at an unhurried pace within the forbidden grounds of the Cloudsurge Empire.

Both of these items were naturally created. They were extremely precious and needed to be stored carefully. As a result, it was impossible for the grand elder to move quickly in the first place.

The liquid and mud within the tiny pond gradually decreased.

On the other hand, Jian Chen discovered that he had nothing to do. He even began to doubt why the grand elder had taken him into the forbidden grounds, as he had realised that he was of no help here at all.

If he were outside, he could collect the corpses that fell in battle at the very least. It would provide the Immortal Devouring Orchid with nourishment.

However, in the forbidden grounds, there was truly nothing that he could do.

“Don’t worry. If nothing unexpected happens, we have three days.” The grand elder was very composed. Everything was well planned as if it were all under his control.

In outer space, the Rain Abbess also sensed the Innate Spiritual Liquid and Innate Spiritual Mud decrease. She could not help but become worried. They had been taken from a Xuanhuang Microcosm, so they were contaminated with Xuanhuang Qi, making them extremely precious. Every portion she lost would be a huge loss.

Unfortunately, she was busy with a powerful opponent. She could not break free from the battle, so she was in no state to worry about what was happening on the Delight Plane

“Solitary Sword Ancestor, if you insist on entangling with me, I will treat you as my greatest enemy. You will definitely regret this,” the Rain Abbess said. Her icy-cold voice was furious.

“I’m only doing this because of someone’s request. I need to keep you busy for three days. After those three days, I’ll leave by myself.” An old voice rang out from the resplendent light.

The expert of the Way of the Sword was the Solitary Sword Ancestor.

“Solitary Sword Ancestor!” The Rain Abbess called out furiously. As she said that, violent power of space surged out from the surrounding, collapsing space and forming a huge spatial vortex that enveloped the Solitary Sword Ancestor.

At the same time, the power of the Laws of Space permeated the region, constantly affecting the space near the Solitary Sword Ancestor in an attempt to get in his way.

The Solitary Sword Ancestor dealt with this with composure. He slashed out with his sword. The light was extremely terrifying, nullifying all of the Rain Abbess’ attacks.

For a moment, the Rain Abbess and the Solitary Sword Ancestor were locked in a stalemate. Their battle prowess matched each others’, so neither party could do anything to their opponent.

However, at this moment, an azure figure suddenly shot out from the collapsed space. It had appeared there silently, without raising any attention. It arrived behind the Solitary Sword Ancestor in a flash. It dealt a swift attack without any hesitation at all.

The Solitary Sword Ancestor was facing the Rain Abbess with his full strength, so he was in no state to divert his attention. Coupled with the interference from the Rain Abbess’ power of space, his senses were obscured. As a result, he was struck by the azure light after being caught off-guard.

Bang!

Immediately, there was a thud, and the Solitary Sword Ancestor was blasted away. The light around him collapsed, revealing his appearance.

His old face was rather pale, and there was a plate-sized hole in his chest. Blood dyed his clothes red.

“Azure Peng King, I never thought it would be you,” Even though he was heavily injured, the Solitary Sword Ancestor remained composed. However, his gaze was piercing. His voice was slightly sternly.

“This king owes the Rain Abbess a favour. I’ve come to return the favour this time.” The azure light faded and revealed the Azure Peng King. He stared at the Solitary Sword Ancestor calmly. He was at ease.

In the next moment, the Azure Peng King struck out again. He charged towards the Solitary Sword Ancestor as a streak of azure light with his unmatched speed, fighting alongside the Rain Abbess.

The Solitary Sword Ancestor was no weaker than either of them. As a matter of fact, he was much more powerful than the Azure Peng King. However, now that he faced the two of them simultaneously, he immediately lost the upper hand and was forced back.

“Wind! Clouds! Thunder! Rain!” The Rain Abbess called out. She formed a seal with her hands, and an inscription of primitive simplicity condensed there. The bearing of ways circulated within it, seemingly resonating with the ways of the world. In the end, it struck the Solitary Sword Ancestor’s sword.

Immediately, the Solitary Sword Ancestor’s sword produced a clear thrum as it constantly trembled. The light dimmed, having been dispersed, and the Solitary Sword Ancestor was knocked back.

“I can’t last three days with the Azure Peng King here now. I am powerless. Farewell!” The Solitary Sword Ancestor’s face was cold. He stowed his sword away and murmured sternly. In the next moment, he vanished into the depths of space as a streak of light.

At the same time, Cheng Ming paused in his collection of mud and fluid. The Solitary Sword Ancestor’s message directly reached his ears, immediately making him stern.

“Something has happened. We can’t stay here. We need to go.” Cheng Ming stopped without any hesitation and called for Jian Chen, directly taking out the Heaven-linking Bridge to open a path to the outside.

Chapter 2548: Taking the Beast Soul

Jian Chen’s heart sank as well. He did not know what had happened outside, but Cheng Ming suddenly becoming so frantic allowed him to realise that the situation outside had not taken a turn for the better.

Very soon, Jian Chen stepped onto the colorful Heaven-link Bridge behind Cheng Ming.

The Heaven-linking Bridge was extraordinary. The power of ways circulated within it, allowing it to extend through the formations around the forbidden grounds. It was silent and did not alarm the insect emperor soul lurking outside.

“Hold on!”

As soon as Jian Chen stepped onto the Heaven-linking Bridge, he was stopped by Cheng Ming. The two of them remained within the forbidden grounds. They had yet to pass through the formations.

Cheng Ming stared at the space outside the forbidden grounds with shining eyes. He looked around as if he was searching for the lurking Spatial Insect Emperor. He was extremely stern.

“Grand elder, what is the matter?” Jian Chen asked. He was stern as well, unwilling to drop his guard at all. He had even readied himself for battle.

The grand elder did not reply. He stared at the space before him as the light in his eyes flickered. He murmured to himself, “I hope there’s still time.”

Afterwards, the grand elder suddenly looked at Jian Chen. His eyes shone as he said sternly, “Master gave you a mask in the past. Wear the mask now.”

Jian Chen was in doubt, but he did not ask about it. He immediately took out the mask and put it on.

“Jian Chen, listen carefully. What you are going to do next might be very dangerous, but it’s also a great fortuitous encounter for you.” The grand elder was stern as he continued, “Taking you into the forbidden grounds of the Cloudsurge Empire was not actually my idea, but the great elder’s request. Even if you didn’t come to the Delight Plane this time, we would send people to contact you on the Cloud Plane when our Emyrean Demon Cult launched our attack on the Cloudsurge Empire.”

“The real reason for bringing you here is actually the soul of the Spatial Insect Emperor outside. Spatial Insects are natural beasts of space. From the moment they’re born, their species knows how to use the Laws of Space, and Spatial Insect Emperors can use the Laws of Space to an extremely great level. Since you’ve comprehended the Laws of Space, the soul of a Spatial Insect Emperor will be a great fortune to you.”

“I’ve brought you along this time for you to obtain the soul of the Spatial Insect Emperor, for the Spatial Insect Emperor to enter your soul so that you can refine it and absorb its comprehension of the Laws of Space.”

The grand elder’s words were astonishing. In just a few sentences, Jian Chen was left stunned.

“Grand elder, what did you just say? You want me to refine the Spatial Insect Emperor’s soul?” Jian Chen’s expression immediately changed. He said with a sliver of disbelief, “Grand elder, even though the Spatial Insect Emperor has been reduced to a soul, it still possesses great strength, and it can fight back. Not to mention that its usage of the Laws of Space near perfection. Even though it’s just a soul now, not even regular Grand Primes can deal with it, let alone the fact that I have to let it into my soul. I probably can’t do anything to it.”

Jian Chen felt no confidence about this. An individual’s soul was already extremely fragile. If he used his soul alone, he would probably fail to deal with people a whole cultivation realm lower than him, yet he had to face a terrifying beast soul that he could not defeat with even his full strength.

He had witnessed the Spatial Beast Emperor kill the Godking of the Cloudsurge Empire. The beast soul could definitely kill Infinite Primes easily. Even Chaotic Primes would suffer in its hands.

“Don’t worry. Since master wants you to do this, he naturally believes you have the ability to refine the beast soul. Even if you can’t refine it, you won’t be in danger. At the very least, the Spatial Beast Emperor won’t be able to destroy your soul, as master did say that your soul was rather special in the past.”

“Jian Chen, fortune comes with risk. The greater the risk, the greater the fortune. What do you think? If you don’t want to take the risk, I’ll take you away right now.” Cheng Ming stared at Jian Chen sternly.

“My soul is special?” Jian Chen thought of his soul instead. His soul was indeed rather different. Let alone the fact that part of it was missing, but it had even fused with a strand of true Chaotic Force. It had changed a long time ago, making it different to the souls of regular cultivators.

“Alright. I’ll do it. Grand elder, tell me what I should do.” In the end, Jian Chen made up his mind and agreed. If he could refine the soul of the Spatial Beast Emperor and absorb its comprehension of the Laws of Space, it would really be a great fortune to him.

Of course, this was extremely dangerous as well. After all, a battlefield set in the soul could lead to certain doom from the slightest carelessness.

Cheng Ming was glad. "If you want to deal with the Spatial Insect Emperor, we have to stay in the formation, as the Rain Abbess has bound the Spatial Insect Emperor, restricting its movements. The area within the formation just happens to be a place where it cannot set foot in. The Spatial Insect Emperor can't attack us here."

Afterwards, Cheng Ming took out a jade bottle and sprinkled a white powder onto Jian Chen. "This is a powder refined from the corpse of a Spatial Insect. If you have it on you, the Spatial Beast Emperor will mistake you for one of its clansmen. Space beasts never have any particularly great intelligence, not to mention that it's only a soul now. Basically all of its intelligence has been refined away by the Rain Abbess. The remaining instincts aren't enough to distinguish who you are."

"Use master's mask to cover your presence carefully so that you only possess the presence of a Spatial Insect. Space beasts are extremely sensitive to presences. Many impressive concealing techniques aren't able to hide from their senses but master's mask can."

"Once the soul of the Spatial Beast Emperor senses the presence of its own clansmen, its instincts will take over, and it will immediately enter your body to take over you. Your battle against the beast soul will hence begin. However, you don't need to worry, I've already prepared some things. You only need to keep the Spatial Insect Emperor busy for a while. Once we leave here, I can assist you in dealing within the beast soul."

Cheng Ming's voice was rather rushed. He knew that time was extremely tight, so he did not give any time for Jian Chen to ask questions. He took out a pill from his Space Ring and shoved it into Jian Chen's mouth in a hurry and said, "This is a Soul-numbing Pill. It's for numbing the soul. However, master said that your soul is rather special, so the Soul-numbing Pill won't have any particularly great effects. Hold it in your mouth. Once the beast soul enters your head, crush the pill immediately."

#### Chapter 2549: Battling the Insect Emperor

Time was extremely tight. After explaining the matters that Jian Chen should watch out for, Cheng Ming grabbed him by the shoulder. Jian Chen could not feel any particular difference from how Cheng Ming's soul felt compared to a physical body. He was directly lifted up by Cheng Ming.

Of course, Cheng Ming only managed to do that since Jian Chen did not resist.

Cheng Ming held Jian Chen by the shoulder and arrived at the centre of the Heaven-linking Bridge with a flash. His finger swept across the sky gently.

Immediately, a crack silently appeared within the rainbow light from the bridge. Cheng Ming stared at the empty space within the crack before taking out another jade bottle. He poured out a droplet of milky-white fluid.

As soon as the droplet of fluid appeared, a heavy scent of blood permeated the surroundings.

This white liquid was actually the blood of Spatial Insects.

Moreover, from the residual energy within the blood, it was evident that it came from a Spatial Insect that had reached the Primordial realm.

The presence of the blood wafted out through the crack in the Heaven-linking Bridge, spreading outside.

At the next moment, the space outside the formation suddenly pulsed. It felt like it had become a body of water, where the slightest breeze would make it ripple.

Jian Chen's eyes narrowed as he stared straight outside. Right after, he saw a white, insect-like figure appear and disappear with a flash.

The figure was not large, only around a metre in length. It was illusionary, as if it had fused with space. Only a rough outline could be seen, obscuring its complete appearance.

"The Spatial Insect Emperor!" Jian Chen shivered inside. He was completely certain that the figure he just saw was the Spatial Insect Emperor.

The insect emperor was a terrifying creature on par with Grand Primes. Even though it no longer possessed a body, it was still terrifying.

In the next moment, the grand elder flicked away the droplet of blood.

The white blood possessed the presence of Spatial Insects. It shot through the crack in the Heaven-linking Bridge like an arrow, flying outside.

However, at the same time, the space outside the Heaven-linking Bridge suddenly seized up. At that moment, the space there froze and everything fell silent. It was as if time had stopped.

The droplet of blood that flew out had been locked up outside the light around the Heaven-linking Bridge.

Afterwards, a white, insect-shaped figure that had seemingly fused with space swam around the droplet of blood like a fish. Its figure faded and consolidated from time to time, making it very difficult to clearly see.

The grand elder retreated in a hurry, entering the forbidden grounds once again.

At this moment, the droplet of blood suddenly vanished. The Spatial Insect Emperor did not seem to devour the droplet of blood. It had just vanished without a trace all of a sudden.

In the next moment, the soul of the Spatial Beast Emperor flew through the light around the Heaven-linking Bridge along the blood's trajectory, appearing on it.

Its figure was still illusionary, having completely fused with space. As a result, it was difficult to see its true appearance. As a matter of fact, it was impossible to tell its head from its tail.

A chill ran down Jian Chen's spine. He was under the impression that the beast soul seemed to have locked onto him.

Even though he could not see the eyes of the Spatial Insect Emperor, that was simply what he felt.

Jian Chen remained calm, carefully concealing his presence. He knew that he was covered in a layer of powder from the corpse of a Spatial Insect, which was why he possessed a Spatial Insect's presence. As a result, the Spatial Insect Emperor had mistaken him for one of its clansmen and would not attack him.

However, if he let his presence as a human cultivator leak out, he could be mercilessly slain by the Spatial Beast Emperor.

As a space beast, the Spatial Insect Emperor had never possessed any great intelligence. Coupled with its current state, its intelligence was further compromised, so it basically acted out of instincts now. It was unable to correctly identify what Jian Chen actually was.

Suddenly, the soul of the Spatial Beast Emperor turned into a blur and charged towards Jian Chen.

It moved just too quickly, surpassing the restrictions of space. It appeared before Jian Chen in an instant and wormed into Jian Chen's head with pressure that weighed down on the soul.

Only when Jian Chen felt a splitting pain from his head did he realise that the soul of the Spatial Insect Emperor had already entered him.

He became extremely stern. His head would be a battlefield soon, and he would engage in a battle of life or death with the Spatial Insect Emperor. The slightest carelessness would take his life.

Without any hesitation, he immediately crushed the Soul-numbing Pill in his mouth.

The Soul-numbing Pill shattered, and a medicinal effect that could numb the soul expanded, directly entering Jian Chen's soul.

By now, Jian Chen had already closed his eyes. The muscles on his face twitched unnaturally as he gradually paled.

It would take some time for the effects of the Soul-numbing Pill to completely kick in. However, his soul was already under the vicious attacks of the Spatial Insect Emperor, so he had to endure intense agony.

The soul of the Spatial Beast Emperor appeared in Jian Chen's sea of consciousness as a white bug. Following its natural instincts, it tried to devour Jian Chen's soul.

Its appearance was nothing special. It only seemed like a silkworm that had been enlarged countless times, plump and around a metre long.

Jian Chen did not just sit and wait. He also appeared in his sea of consciousness, using the Laws of the Sword and the power of his soul to engage in a battle against the soul of the Spatial Insect Emperor.

However, the disparity in strength was simply too great. Even when Jian Chen used his full strength, he was unable to harm the soul of the Spatial Insect Emperor at all.

After all, it had reached the level of Grand Primes. Compared to Jian Chen, it was like the heavens, while he was the earth.

The soul opened its mouth. In a single gulp, it directly sucked up a portion of Jian Chen's soul.



However, after that, the Spatial Insect Emperor began to squirm unnaturally. Its body constantly expanded and shrunk as if it was in great pain.

This lasted for a few seconds before the Spatial Insect Emperor suddenly opened its mouth and spat out the portion of Jian Chen's soul.

It seemed like it was unable to digest that portion of Jian Chen's soul.

#### Chapter 2550: In Danger

However, the Spatial Insect Emperor did not give up. Not only did it persist, but excitement and desire even appeared in its eyes that had almost lost all of its light.

It had tasted a mysterious power that made it drool from the portion it had swallowed earlier. The mysterious power tempted it so much that it could no longer care about anything else. Regardless of the price, it had to obtain that power.

The Spatial Insect Emperor opened its mouth and sucked again. It was trying to devour Jian Chen's soul once more. It wanted to absorb the mysterious power that made its blood surge from Jian Chen's soul.

Its instincts told it that if it could absorb that mysterious power, it would gain unimaginable benefits.

However, no matter how it tried to absorb the mysterious power in Jian Chen's soul, it failed. Instead, the mysterious power caused it agony, and its illusionary figure squirmed unnaturally as it result. It was like it was in pain.

In the end, the Spatial Insect Emperor opened its little mouth and spat out the portion of Jian Chen's soul again.

Afterwards, the Spatial Insect Emperor began to devour and spit up the portion of Jian Chen's soul endlessly.

Jian Chen gradually stopped his attacks towards the Spatial Insect Emperor as well. His battle prowess was extremely limited in his sea of consciousness. His most powerful attacks would depend on his soul.

However, his soul was only an Infinite Prime's, while the Spatial Insect Emperor was a Grand Prime. The difference was just too great, so it was like comparing an ant to an elephant. He felt like he was just scratching the Spatial Beast Emperor's itches.

If the Spatial Beast Emperor was outside, he might have been able to pose a certain level of threat towards it through certain methods, but they were completely useless in his sea of consciousness. As a result, there was nothing he could do about the Spatial Insect Emperor.

"Fortunately, the Spatial Insect Emperor has lost its intelligence and only acts on its instincts, or the consequences will really be unimaginable." Jian Chen secretly celebrate as he looked at the Spatial Insect Emperor that constantly devoured and regurgitated the portion of his soul.

He was well aware that if the intelligence of the Spatial Insect Emperor remained, it would have many methods it could use against him. He would never be its opponent in a battle of souls.

At this moment, the effects of the Soul-numbing Pill appeared. Jian Chen immediately felt his soul blur. Vaguely, his consciousness seemed to fall under some influence, becoming rather unclear. He felt sleepy.

However, Jian Chen's soul had fused with a strand of true Chaotic Force, so it had changed a long time ago. As a result, the pill had limited effects on him. It was not enough to knock him out.

However, the soul of the Spatial Insect Emperor did not have it that easy. It was indeed much more powerful than Jian Chen's soul, but it was not as resistant to the Soul-numbing Pill as him.

Immediately, the Spatial Insect Emperor became weaker and weaker. Sleepiness gradually appeared in its eyes. They dropped as it gradually fell asleep.

The grand elder paid close attention to Jian Chen's reactions on the Heaven-linking Bridge outside. After seeing that Jian Chen was fine, he let out a sigh. He arrived beside Jian Chen in a flash and grabbed his shoulder, taking him outside.

At the same time, the effects of the Soul-numbing Pill increased on the Spatial Insect Emperor. Its dull eyes slowly closed.

However, at this moment, its eyes that had just shut suddenly snapped open. Conflict appeared in them, and some light appeared in its eyes as the conflict went on.

It was as if the Spatial Insect Emperor had recovered some intelligence at that moment.

Afterwards, it opened its little mouth and let out a soundless hiss.

Jian Chen's body immediately trembled violently. His complexion paled as blood flowed from his eyes. It was a frightening sight.

The hiss from the Spatial Insect Emperor was damaging. It upheaved Jian Chen's entire sea of consciousness, making his soul tremble uncontrollably.

A small portion of his soul collapsed, making Jian Chen feel like his head was splitting open.

Outside, the grand elder seemed to sense something. His expression suddenly changed, and he immediately let go of Jian Chen, traveling far from him in a flash.

In the next moment, the space around Jian Chen silently cracked. Pitch-black crack after pitch-black crack appeared around him like webs.

"Oh no!" Cheng Ming's face suddenly changed. The armor he was wearing was a medium quality god artifact, and at that moment, it erupted with a powerful pulse of energy. Its complete defences had been unleashed, forming a barrier around Cheng Ming.

Cheng Ming arrived before Jian Chen in a flash, entering the cracked space around him. He used the toughness of the god artifact to uphold the space there, wanting to drag Jian Chen out and take him away forcefully.

However, at this moment, the space in the surroundings seized up. Not only was Jian Chen frozen there, but even Cheng Ming was trapped, frozen in the posture of his hand extending.

However, in the next moment, turbulent energy erupted from Cheng Ming's armor, forcefully pushing back the frozen space and allowing him to back up immediately, moving out of the forbidden grounds.

He was only a soul now. Using the power of the armor, he could only protect himself. He could not take Jian Chen away from the region of space there.

"Grand elder, we need to go." A figure silently appeared before the grand elder. He surged with demonic aura as he radiated with a powerful blade intent.

It was Blade Demon out of the five generals.

At that moment, Blade Demon stared at the sky sternly with his eyes shrouded by demonic aura.

"Blade Demon, take Jian Chen out," Cheng Ming said sternly.

Blade Demon nodded. Just when he was about to act, a huge bolt of lightning struck the divine hall of the Emyrean Demon Cult with a blinding flash. It erupted with a huge boom, causing the high quality god artifact to dim and fall out of the sky.

At the same time, a hand completely condensed from energy appeared. It descended in a devastating manner, heading directly towards the armies of the Emyrean Demon Cult. It enveloped all four generals of the Emyrean Demon Cult.

The Rain Abbess had struck out personally. The palm strike was devastating and shocking.

Blade Demon's expression changed just when he was about to save Jian Chen. Faced with the situation before him, he could no longer bother with Jian Chen. He vanished with the grand elder, appearing before the divine hall in a flash.

At the same time, the armies of the Emyrean Demon Cult retreated. They returned to the divine hall like a black flood.

The three huge, blood-red skeletons fused together, becoming a giant skeleton. It gave off an endless presence of death, blocking the palm strike that fell from the sky.