

## Chaotic 2591

### Chapter 2591: Confrontation with Composure

“You all obey the young star lord?” Jian Chen sneered and said, “The young star lord wants to destroy my Tian Yuan clan. He wants to destroy the Pingtian Empire. Does your Four Symbols Alliance plan on taking part?”

Gong Ji said nothing. Wu Lu glanced at her before looking back at Jian Chen. A sliver of helplessness appeared in his eyes, and he said, “Jian Chen, we know you have the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng backing you, but the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng is nowhere near as glorious as it was in the past. If you continue opposing the young star lord, even the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng won’t be able to keep you safe. It’s best if you give up on your pride and kneel and bow to the young star lord, admitting that you were wrong. You should beg for the young star lord’s forgiveness.”

“Hahaha, that’s right. Jian Chen, kneel and bow your head. Admit your mistakes. If you satisfy me, I might spare you.” The young star lord chuckled aloud. He was in high spirits, acting as if Jian Chen was done for.

However, the young star lord sneered inside as killing intent surged. “Jian Chen humiliated me like this, and he even killed my only servant. This grievance runs so deep that if I don’t kill him, I’ll never drop the matter. However, if I can embarrass him before I kill him, it’ll be satisfying.”

However, the young star lord did not understand Jian Chen. Jian Chen was not the type of person to kneel and beg for forgiveness. He would rather die in battle than yield.

Jian Chen could not be bothered to speak to the young star lord. He directly ignored him. Instead, he only looked at Wu Lu and Gong Ji and said, “Our Tian Yuan clan never shows mercy to our opponents. If you regret and repent, it’s still not too late.”

“Without the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, your Tian Yuan clan is actually nothing in our eyes,” Wu Lu said gently. Her voice was taunting, as if she was scoffing at Jian Chen since he still could not see the situation he was in even now.

The young star lord was immediately angered when he saw how Jian Chen ignored him. He snarled coldly and said, “If that’s the case, I will make you watch the Pingtian Empire and the Tian Yuan clan get destroyed before you while you can’t do anything. I wonder what kind of expression you’ll have when you feel so powerless.” Towards the end, the young star lord could not help but laugh aloud.

He was already confident about destroying the Tian Yuan clan. At that moment, he seemed to be able to see the despair and helplessness on Jian Chen’s face, along with the sorrow when his own, beloved woman ended up in the arms of someone else.

The young star lord stared at the depths of the Pingtian Empire and said loudly, “People of the Tian Yuan clan, listen up. I am the young star lord from the Star Brilliance Plane. I am the only child of the supreme ruler of the Star Brilliance Plane, a renowned expert in the Saints’ World, the Nine Brilliance Star Lord. Your patriarch, Jian Chen, has offended me, and he has killed my servant. He has completely fallen out with me, so I will definitely destroy the Tian Yuan clan. It won’t just be the Tian Yuan clan either. The Pingtian Empire will be included as well. I will wipe it off the face of the Cloud Plane.”

“However, I am not a bloodthirsty person. Considering that there are many innocent people in the Pingtian Empire, I’ll give you three days to flee the Pingtian Empire. After those three days, I will have a bloodbath in the Pingtian Empire and the Tian Yuan clan. No one will be spared.”

The young star lord’s voice boomed out through the entire Pingtian Empire. At that moment, everyone in the empire was alarmed, including the people in the Dong’an province.

His voice tore through the protective formations of the Tian Yuan clan, echoing in the sky for quite some time.

Jian Chen’s face sank. He turned back and glanced in the direction of the Tian Yuan clan before looking at Wu Lu and Gong Ji who stood behind the young star lord. With the young star lord’s cultivation, it was impossible for his voice to pass through the protective formations of the Tian Yuan clan and reach the interior. He could only do so because of Wu Lu and Gong Ji were secretly assisting him.

Figures flickered behind Jian Chen. The eight Infinite Prime protectors arrived behind Jian Chen from the Tian Yuan clan. They were all stern as they faced the uniformed experts of the Four Symbols Alliance fearfully.

“Jian Chen!” A gentle call rang out from the distance. Shangguan Mu’er carried the Zither of the Demonic Cry and appeared beside Jian Chen. She stared at the people with her enchanting eyes. Her face was cold.

“Hmph. You people who have been sitting on the fence the entire time, when brother Ming Dong was here, you were really polite to our Tian Yuan clan, even saying that you were our best friends. And just how long since brother Ming Dong’s departure that your Four Symbols Alliance has begun drawing your swords against our Tian Yuan clan? You wretched people are utterly shameful,” Nubis stood behind Jian Chen and shouted out. He spat at the people from the Four Symbols Alliance.

By now, the upper echelon and the Godkings of the Tian Yuan clan had all arrived behind Jian Chen.

“Protector Xue, the Tian Yuan clan is truly facing destruction this time. I haven’t heard of this young star lord before, but the Nine Brilliance Star Lord really is a supreme expert,” protector Qi said secretly from behind Jian Chen. Now that two ancestors from the Four Symbols Alliance had personally stood forward and brought many experts with them, protector Qi immediately became rather pale from fright. He felt fearful.

Protector Xue nodded. He was extremely stern. He said nothing in reply.

“The Tian Yuan clan is probably done for. Protector Xue, let’s flee the Tian Yuan clan,” protector Qi said.

Protector Xue only replied after a long moment of thought, “It’s far too soon to make this decision. I believe in the patriarch. I believe in the Tian Yuan clan.”

“I know Jian Chen has things he can depend on, but the situation right now cannot be compared to the past. The Star Brilliance Mountain is no weaker than the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng. Moreover, the young star lord is the young master of the Star Brilliance Mountain. Although Min Dong possesses some status in the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, can his status be greater than the young star lord?” Protector Qi replied. Seeing how protector Xue still did not waver, he just made up his mind and said, “Whatever,

you can stay, but I'm leaving. Remaining here even when you know it's certain death is not a clever decision. I can't afford to lose my life over some benefits from the Tian Yuan clan."

With that, protector Qi immediately flew forward. He travelled far away from Jian Chen and said, "I, Qi Hui, formally leave the Tian Yuan clan. Although the Tian Yuan clan has offended sir, I, Qi Hui, have never shown any disrespect to sir. I hope you can spare me this time."

"Hahahaha, you can go. I'll spare you." The young star lord laughed aloud.

Qi Hui rejoiced with that. He finally stopped worrying. He said loudly, "Sir is a forthright and righteous man. You have gained me admiration." With that, Qi Hui shot off, disappearing in the blink of an eye.

Protector Qi's departure had a heavy impact on the upper echelon of the Tian Yuan clan. After all, he was one of the two most powerful protectors they had recruited. Now that he had left the Tian Yuan clan without any hesitation, many members of the upper echelon became heavy-hearted.

"Protector Qi. Protector Qi he- sigh..." Some protectors behind Jian Chen all revealed very ugly expressions. They all signed dejectedly as many of their eyes flickered with uncertainty.

"Hmph. You all fear death. Even if you've reached the Primordial realm, your future accomplishments will be extremely limited," Qing Yixuan stood forward in her azure clothes and said coldly.

"It's no problem." Jian Chen remained calm and composed. He did not show any negative emotions at all. "For any organisation to grow, they must undergo many dangerous challenges. What our Tian Yuan clan faces this time is indeed a huge disaster, but if we can make it through it, we will definitely rise up. If we fail, the Tian Yuan clan will cease to exist."

Jian Chen looked back at the people behind him and said, "If you are unwilling to stay behind and fight alongside us, you can leave right now. I will not blame you."

#### Chapter 2592: Powerful Reinforcements

With that, the light in the eyes of many protectors and Godkings who were either recruited or joined of their own volition flickered. They either hesitated or were stuck in a great dilemma.

However, this hesitation only lasted for a few seconds before a few Godkings flew out from the crowd. They clasped their fists at Jian Chen and left the Tian Yuan clan without hesitation.

More and more people left the Tian Yuan clan. Aside from Godkings, there were many Overgods, Gods, and even Deities.

As these people discussed among themselves secretly, they learnt of the young star lord's identity and background. After some consideration, they did not believe the Tian Yuan clan could survive the young star lord's wrath, so they chose to leave.

"Guang Yun, are you leaving as well?" A stern voice rang out from behind Jian Chen. It came from an old man, one of the Primordial realm protectors of the Tian Yuan clan. People called him protector Xing.

Jian Chen was familiar with protector Xing. As a matter of fact, he had a rather deep impression of him because he was one of the four protectors who stopped him when he returned with Shangguan Mu'er.

The four protectors were protector Xing, protector Bai, protector Mei, and protector Xue.

The four of them always attended to the Tian Yuan clan. Out of all the protectors recruited by the clan, they were the Primordial realm experts who had truly devoted their service to the clan and worked hard.

The Guang Yun mentioned by protector Xing was also a protector of the Tian Yuan clan. He was leaving.

Guang Yun was a sturdy, middle-aged man. He looked back at protector Xing and shook his head with a gentle sigh as he said, "That's the young star lord, the child of the Nine Brilliance Star Lord. How can I dare to oppose him? Patriarch, apologies." Guang Yun clasped his fist towards Jian Chen apologetically before leaving without looking back again.

In the blink of an eye, two of the eight protectors of the Tian Yuan clan left, causing quite a lot of the upper echelon to feel dejected.

Everyone did not mind Guang Yun's departure too much. After all, even though he was a Primordial realm expert, he was only a Second Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime.

What truly disappointed everyone was protector Qi's departure.

Protector Qi was a Seventh Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, the same as protector Xue.

Only Xu Ran and Jian Chen were more powerful than him in the Tian Yuan clan.

However, before the pressure from the young star lord, the protectors who chose to leave were not just Qi Hui and Guang Yun. Two more protectors announced that they would be leaving the Tian Yuan clan soon after Guang Yun.

With that, the protectors of the Tian Yuan clan were directly reduced to four. They were protector Xue, protector Xing, protector Bai, and protector Mei.

"The four of you aren't leaving?" Jian Chen looked back at the four of them and asked calmly.

"I owe the Tian Yuan clan. I will stay behind to fight, but if I do end up dying, please look after the young master, patriarch," protector Xue said fearlessly. He was not afraid of death.

As he said that, he passed his divine hall to Jian Chen. He said sternly, "My clan's young master is in there."

Jian Chen stared at protector Xue for a while. He did not reply. Instead, he looked at protector Xing, protector Bai and protector Mei.

Protector Mei giggled. She yawned and stretched rather casually, giving off quite the charm. She looked at Jian Chen flirtatiously and giggled, "I'm confident in the patriarch. I believe the patriarch has the ability to lead us through this crisis. The Tian Yuan clan will definitely rise up. If I become a protector that has gone through thick and thin with the clan, the patriarch definitely won't forget about us once the Tian Yuan clan reigns over the plane."

"We believe in the patriarch as well!" Protector Xing and protector Bai said enthusiastically as well. However, they were unsettled inside. They were unable to achieve protector Mei's composure.

“Protector Mei, will the Tian Yuan clan really be able to survive this crisis? We’re staying behind because of what you said, but we won’t be reduced to corpses in the end, right?” Protector Xing and protector Bai asked carefully.

“I have no confidence in whether we can survive or not. We do face the young star lord this time after all. However, I don’t sense any fear from the patriarch. Instead, I can feel that an extremely heavy killing intent is building up. I believe the patriarch has cards he has yet to play,” protector Mei replied. She carefully looked around and continued, “Most importantly, not a single person closest to the patriarch has left. They’re all here. With how much the patriarch values his friends and family, why would he let these people just wait here for their deaths?”

Protector Xing and protector Bai came to a realisation. Their unsettled minds immediately calmed down.

“Good! Good! Good!” Jian Chen reiterated. Even though he was uncertain why the four of them had remained behind—maybe they truly wanted to survive with the clan, or perhaps they were just putting on a show—it was already more than enough at a time like this.

Remaining behind meant offending the young star lord after all!

Afterwards, there was a mass migration of people from both the Tian Yuan clan and Pingtian Empire. People as great as protectors and as ordinary as guards and servants left the clan. In just a short half a day, the people in the Tian Yuan clan plummeted to less than a third of their original number.

Across the Pingtian Empire, all the provincial cities chose to leave as soon as possible. The short range teleportation formations set up in the Pingtian Empire constantly flickered as cultivators flooded the skies as black clouds.

“Patriarch, are we really just going to let them leave? If they stay, they’ll be able to help out.” A woman stepped forwards from the crowd behind Jian Chen. She wore comfortable clothes and held a whip in her hand.

She was Cheng Jingyun, an Origin realm expert from the World of Forsaken Saints. In the past, she had come up to the Saints’ World with their Spiritking, Shen Jian, and Jian Chen. She had witnessed the founding of the Tian Yuan clan, which also made her one of the oldest members of the upper echelon.

Now, Cheng Jingyun had become a God with the help of various heavenly resources. Even though this strength was almost nothing in the current Tian Yuan clan, her speed of growth was among the best of the best.

After all, only a tiny fraction of people were true prodigies.

“It’s not a problem. Getting them to leave will reduce the unneeded casualties once we start fighting,” said Jian Chen.

To another side, the young star lord hovered in the sky with a sunken face. He was in an extremely bad mood. He discovered that even though he had succeeded in his goal and made the Tian Yuan clan lose over two-thirds of their members, he still did not see a satisfying expression from Jian Chen’s face.

This was because Jian Chen remained calm the entire time. He did not become emotional at all. He did not waver at all, remaining as steady as a mountain like all of this was nothing in his eyes.

As a result, the young star lord felt like everything he did was for nothing. It was dissatisfying.

“Hmph, do it! Destroy the Tian Yuan clan. I want Jian Chen and Shangguan Mu’er alive.” The young star lord snorted coldly. He no longer had the patience to wait any longer. He felt like everything he was doing was pointless from Jian Chen’s reaction.

“Aren’t we going to wait for three days? O- only half a day has passed,” said Wu Lu.

“We’re not waiting anymore,” the young star lord said coldly.

“Alright.” Wu Lu said nothing more. He made his way over from behind the young star lord, and his presence skyrocketed. His gaze became extremely cold.

This time, he planned on taking action personally to demonstrate his loyalty to the cause to the young star lord.

“Young star lord, didn’t you say you would give everyone three days to leave? It hasn’t even been a single day. Is the foster son of the mighty Nine Brilliance Star Lord someone who eats his words?” Jian Chen. Secretly, his Martial Soul Force had already begun surging. He was about to contact the Martial Soul Mountain.

The young star lord did not reply. Wu Lu was ready to fight. With a single thought, the sky above the Dong’an province surged. A great gale appeared and devastating energy began charging up, causing space to distort and collapse.

With Wu Lu’s cultivation as a Grand Prime, he did not even have to move a single finger to destroy an empire. He only needed to stand there and control the energy and laws in the surroundings with his terrifying will.

However, at this moment, an even more powerful will collided heavily against Wu Lu’s will from a great distance away in a vicious manner.

Wu Lu grunted and could not help but stagger back. The energy above the Dong’an province immediately fell into disorder before dispersing completely.

The devastating attack that Wu Lu was about to launch had been forcefully interrupted by another peak expert.

At the same time, a few figures appeared in the air. They had come silently, standing in the sky as if they were part of the world. They directly appeared between Jian Chen and the young star lord.

#### Chapter 2593: The Battle Erupts

The appearance of the figures immediately caused Wu Lu and Gong Ji’s expressions change. Even as experts who stood at the apex of the plane, they became extremely stern at that moment.

Jian Chen, who was just about to call for the Martial Soul Mountain, was surprised by their sudden arrival as well. The light in his eyes flickered as he looked at the people who stood with their backs towards him. He was slightly surprised, and after a moment of hesitation, he was no longer in such a hurry to call for the Martial Soul Mountain.

“Y- you’ve crossed the boundary, Righteous Alliance. T- this is the territory of our Four Symbols Alliance.” Gong Ji took a step forward from behind the young star lord. She gave off a surging presence as she bellowed furiously with her raspy voice.

“Righteous Alliance, do you plan on going back on your word about the ceasefire we agreed on?” Wu Lu and Gong Ji stood together as they faced the group with sunken faces.

Wu Lu and Gong Ji faced a total of seven figures. They varied in age and appearance.

They were the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak.

The ancestor of the Cosmic sect, Zhou Zhidao.

The ancestor of the Godsfallen clan, Luo Mantian.

The ancestor of the Firegod clan, Lieyan Wuji.

The ancestor of the Tong family, Tong Wuming.

Aside from the five of them, the two others were the ancestors of the Righteous Alliance who rarely showed themselves.

They were the ancestor of the Daoist Sect of Emergence, He Yidao, and the ancestor of the Heavenquaking sect, Gu Li.

He Yidao was a scholarly, middle-aged man. He seemed rather refined, just like a well-educated man of talent.

As for Gu Li, he was an extremely burly man. He was bare-chested and covered with distinct, large, bronze muscles that were filled with explosive power. It was quite a sight.

This time, the seven peak experts of the Righteous Alliance had gathered here. All of them had come. They placed a very great pressure on the Four Symbols Alliance.

After all, the Four Symbols Alliance was nowhere near as powerful as the Righteous Alliance. They still existed because the peak experts of the Righteous Alliance had never managed to reach a complete agreement. None of them wanted to pay the heavy price required to destroy the Four Symbols Alliance. They all wanted to keep themselves safe, which was why the Four Symbols Alliance could still exist.

“People from the Righteous Alliance, why have all of you come? Do you plan to engage in a bloody battle with our Four Symbols Alliance?” A voice rang out. Three figures appeared behind Wu Lu and Gong Ji.

The three other peak experts of the Four Symbols Alliance, the Gentle Breeze Ancestor, Changfeng Yun, and Zheng Hu, had arrived together.

Although the Gentle Breeze Ancestor did not really agree with Wu Lu and Gong Ji’s actions, they needed to remain united now that all the experts of the Righteous Alliance had come, or their defeat would be inevitable.

As for the Tian Yuan clan, everyone was startled. They showed excitement. The Righteous Alliance was clearly standing on their side.

At an urgent moment like this, they saw hope once again now that they had gained the support of the Righteous Alliance. Their eyes immediately lit back up.

“Fantastic. I never thought the Righteous Alliance would stand with the Tian Yuan clan.” Protector Mei, protector Xing, and protector Bai celebrated inside as well.

Even though the Righteous Alliance was still not enough to overcome the young star lord, they were more than enough to deal with the Four Symbols Alliance.

The lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak stood in the air with his hands behind his back. He glanced past the young star lord before looking at the five ancestors. He said slowly, “The Tian Yuan clan is a friend of our Righteous Alliance. If you plan on laying your hands on them, our Righteous Alliance will never just stand by and watch.”

“Hmph, in other words, your Righteous Alliance is going to help the Tian Yuan clan?” The young star lord snorted coldly. Although he was just a Godking, he felt no fear as he faced the seven peak experts of the Righteous Alliance. Instead, he was condescending. He glared at the seven peak experts and said arrogantly, “If you oppose me, there will only be one fate awaiting you—death!”

“Hmph, what impudence!” Luo Mantian’s eyes turned cold. He gave off a terrifying presence, shaking up the surroundings. It caused the thick layer of clouds in the sky to scatter.

He extended a finger, and a beam of pure energy immediately shot out. It headed directly towards the young star lord.

The beam of energy was not powerful. It could only heavily injure Godkings. It could not kill them.

Clearly, Luo Mantian only wanted to punish the young star lord with this strike, causing him to suffer a little.

“Luo Mantian!” The lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak and the ancestors of the Firegod clan, Tong family, and Cosmic sect called out. They all thought that Luo Mantian was acting far too reckless. It was not like he did not know who the young star lord was. How could he just attack him?

Seeing how Luo Mantian launched an attack from just the slightest disagreement, and he even targeted the young star lord, Jian Chen frowned as well. He felt like Luo Mantian’s actions did not make much sense.

After all, the young star lord was the Nine Brilliance Star Lord’s son. Attacking the young star lord, regardless of whether there was any intention to kill, would mean offending the Nine Brilliance Star Lord.

“From the moment we chose to assist the Tian Yuan clan, we’ve already offended the young star lord. Since that has already happened, why must we act so cowardly? Why don’t we act more straightforwardly and completely stand with the Tian Yuan clan, and then we find a way to ally ourselves with the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng through the Tian Yuan clan? Otherwise, our Righteous Alliance will be destroyed sooner or later,” Luo Mantian said to the others secretly.



“How dare you! Luo Mantian, do you know who the young star lord is? You’re actually attacking him,” Gong Ji yelled out furiously from beside the young star lord. She waved her hand and dispersed Luo Mantian’s weak attack.

“Gong Ji, go kill Luo Mantian for me. Take this jade talisman. There’s a secret technique from our Star Brilliance Mountain within it.” The young star lord’s face sank, and he passed a jade talisman to Gong Ji.

Gong Ji was originally hesitant because if they really started fighting, they would not have any advantages over the Righteous Alliance at all. Not only did the Righteous Alliance possess seven peak experts, but they also had the greatest expert of the Cloud Plane, the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak.

However, when she accepted the jade talisman from the young star lord, a strange light immediately flickered through her eyes. “A secret technique from the Star Brilliance Mountain really is extraordinary. Luo Mantian, die!” With that, Gong Ji directly charged at Luo Mantian.

“Hmph, let’s fight in outer space!” Luo Mantian snorted coldly and charged towards outer space.

Gong Ji followed him without saying anything more. The presences of Grand Primes radiated outwards, causing the stars to surge. The terrifying pulses of energy caused even space to collapse.

Luo Mantian and Gong Ji engaged in an earth-shaking battle in outer space. Terrifying pulses of energy and devastating presences swept out, making the expressions of the members of the Tian Yuan clan change despite the distance.

Even if just a tiny sliver of the energy struck the plane, it would be enough to annihilate an entire region.

“Luo Mantian and Gong Ji have already begun fighting. Why don’t we use this opportunity to destroy the Four Symbols Alliance in a single stroke so that they won’t pose any potential future problems to us anymore?” Gu Li said suddenly. Killing intent shone brightly in his eyes as he called out, “Wu Lu, our battle last time still hasn’t ended!” With that, Gu Li directly threw a punch at Wu Lu.

The punch contained extremely great force. It was capable of destroying everything. It reduced the origin energy in the surroundings to its most basic form as the air produced deep rumbles.

Gu Li was an expert who had grasped the Laws of Strength.

The Laws of Strength were similar to the Laws of the Sword. They were both laws that possessed the greatest offensive power.

Wu Lu did not take the attack on forcefully. He vanished with a flash, charging towards outer space. He engaged in an intense battle with Gu Li beyond the plane.

“I’ll go assist Luo Mantian in killing Gong Ji. Let’s eliminate the Four Symbols Alliance for good this time!” He Yidao said before charging into outer space as well.

Chapter 2594: The Lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak Heavily Injured

In the blink of an eye, three Grand Primes from the Righteous Alliance, Luo Mantian, Gu Li, and He Yidao, began fighting with Wu Lu and Gong Ji in outer space. The terrifying energy was extremely devastating, sweeping through the sky and blotting out the sun. It made all the stars dim as space constantly shattered and subsequently repaired itself.

This had all happened too quickly. The lord of the Heaven's Link Peak could not stop them even if he wanted to.

The Grand Primes of the two alliances had clashed many times when the Cloud Plane was in turmoil, where they attempted many times to destroy the Four Symbols Alliance. However, the Four Symbols Alliance was different now. With the support of the young star lord, even the Righteous Alliance had to be rather wary of them.

"Since they've done this already, we might as well follow through with it completely. Let's destroy the Four Symbols Alliance in a single stroke, or our Righteous Alliance will be in trouble once they really obtain the support of the Star Brilliance Mountain," Tong Wuming said secretly.

"That's right. If we don't destroy the Four Symbols Alliance now, we'll probably lose the opportunity forever. After all, the young star lord is already standing with the Four Symbols Alliance, while whether we can obtain the protection of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng is still unknown," Zhou Zhidao added.

The lord of the Heaven's Link Peak stared at the battle in outer space before nodding slowly in the end. "Fair enough. But since we've decided to destroy the Four Symbols Alliance, I hope that everyone can unleash their full strength without holding back this time."

"Don't worry. It's an extremely urgent time right now. If anyone still holds back like before at a time like this, they'll be digging their own grave. Once the Four Symbols Alliance recovers and gains the support of the Star Brilliance Plane, our Righteous Alliance will be reduced to nothing with our measly strength," said Zhou Zhidao.

The experts of the Righteous Alliance communicated secretly. The words that they exchanged and the decision that they reached were only known by the seven of them.

In the next moment, the other Grand Primes from the Righteous Alliance moved as well, engaging in a battle against the Gentle Breeze Ancestor, Changfeng Yun, and Zheng Hu.

Immediately, deafening booms rang out in outer space like thunder. The entire Cloud Plane shook violently in the distance.

This was a battle between twelve Grand Primes. It was truly devastating. The sky cracked region by region while the tremendous outer space collapsed part by part as well. Countless spatial cracks interwove with one another, forming a dense web. Violent storms of energy swept through outer space with a chaotic, brutal presence.

After so many years of peace, the peak experts of the two alliances began fighting again. However, the battle this time was far more intense than any other time.

Unlike the previous fights, the experts from the Righteous Alliance all unleashed their true strength, engaging in a battle to the death against the Four Symbols Alliance.

As a result, the Four Symbols Alliance completely lost the upper hand as soon as the battle began. They were basically completely forced into a reactive state by the Righteous Alliance and were only able to defend.

After all, not only did the Righteous Alliance possess the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak, the greatest expert of the Cloud Plane, but they had seven people as well. On the other hand, not only did the Four Symbols Alliance possess no one who could match up to the peak lord, but Zheng Hu was also basically the weakest Grand Prime out of all of them.

After all, Zheng Hu had only broken through to Grand Prime recently, so he was basically the weakest a Grand Prime could be. He did not have any aspects that stood out, nor was he a prodigy who could challenge those stronger than him.

Everyone from the Tian Yuan clan stared at outer space. A battle between twelve Grand Primes was basically an outstanding event. It would not happen even across millions of years. Even though very few of them could see it clearly, they were still shocked when they saw the colourful sky filled with exploding energy.

"Don't tell me the Four Symbols Alliance can't even make it past the Righteous Alliance." Xu Ran stood beside Jian Chen and gloated over their suffering. She could obviously tell that the Four Symbols Alliance was at an absolute disadvantage.

"The difference is far too great. They're on completely different levels. It really isn't difficult for the Righteous Alliance to destroy the Four Symbols Alliance if they use their full strength. However, if the people from the Four Symbols Alliance put up a desperate struggle or maybe even sacrifice themselves, they might be able to injure or kill one or two people from the Righteous Alliance." Even though Xu Ran was not a Grand Prime, she was someone who came from the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng after all. Her insight was extraordinary.

Jian Chen remained silent the entire time. He would observe the battle in outer space at times and would look at the young star lord at other times. A frown gradually appeared on his face.

From the very start, the young star lord remained calm as if victory was within his grasp. Jian Chen felt that something was off from how composed he was. It was like the Four Symbols Alliance had a card that they had yet to play.

At this moment, the tremendous might of the world appeared. Gong Ji fought against Luo Mantian and He Yidao alone, so she had already begun to struggle against their attacks. She was forced to use a God Tier Battle Skill.

This was a high grade God Tier Battle Skill, one that only Grand Primes could grasp under normal circumstances. When she used it, there was a slight sense that it had fused with the ways of the world.

In the end, the God Tier Battle Skill turned into a streak of blinding light, striking Luo Mantian with great force.

Spurt! Blood sprayed from Luo Mantian's mouth, and he paled. He shot back quickly like a cannonball.

"Luo Mantian!" He Yidao's face changed as he fought alongside him. He immediately gave up on Gong Ji and flew towards Luo Mantian.

The lord of the Heaven's Link Peak just happened to be close to Luo Mantian as he fought the Gentle Breeze Ancestor. When he saw Luo Mantian fly over with his wounds, he immediately knocked the

Gentle Breeze Ancestor away with a single strike. Afterwards, he extended his hand and caught Luo Mantian with a great but gentle power. He asked out of concern, "Luo Mantian, are you fine?"

"I..." Luo Mantian coughed up blood. As soon as he said that, something happened.

A dagger that flickered with dark green light silently appeared in his hand. It struck out with lightning speed like a venomous snake.

Everything had happened far too quickly. Coupled with how the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak was completely unprepared, Luo Mantian's sneak attack was successful. The dagger stabbed right into his waist.

The lord of the Heaven's Link Peak produced a grunt. His eyes were filled with disbelief and shock. Afterwards, he used his hand to directly strike out mercilessly towards Luo Mantian's head with great power and laws.

In that instant, Luo Mantian's presence surged. He seemed nowhere close to being injured. He struck out with both hands, colliding with the lord of Heaven's Link Peak attack. With a rumble, he was sent flying as blood sprayed from his mouth.

This time, he was spraying blood for real.

"Luo Mantian, w- what are you doing? Peak lord, peak lord..." He Yidao's expression changed drastically, and he cried out in shock. He arrived before the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak in a flash.

"Luo Mantian, have you gone crazy? Peak lord, are you fine?" Gu Li, who had been fighting against Wu Lu, bellowed out and immediately abandoned his opponent, approaching the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak.

The sudden change in the situation had disrupted the entire battlefield. At the same time, Lieyan Wuji, Zhou Zhidao, and Tong Wuming all stopped fighting. They all called out and hurried towards the peak lord.

"Luo Mantian, w- why did you do this?" The lord of the Heaven's Link Peak clutched his wound. The blood dyed his white robes red as his face and all of his skin gradually turned a faint green. His old eyes were filled with pain as he stared right at Luo Mantian.

"Peak lord, heal up first." He Yidao and Gu Li arrived beside the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak first. As they fought the closest to the peak lord, they were faster than the other three.

But at this moment, something else happened. He Yidao and Gu Li suddenly launched attacks. A sword and a fist struck out at the same time, coming in from the left and the right, striking the peak lord's body viciously.

He Yidao's sword stabbed through the peak lord's left waist, emerging from the right as it shone brightly.

Gu Li's punch, imbued with the Laws of Strength, struck the peak lord's back, causing his back to collapse into his chest. The fist became covered in blood.

Chapter 2595: The Tides Turn

Everything had happened far too quickly. From Luo Mantian's sneak attack to Gu Li and He Yidao's combined attacks, all of it transpired in a split second. It did not even take a moment.

The three of them launched sudden sneak attacks when the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak was unprepared, so they immediately inflicted unimaginable injuries to him. These wounds were even life-threatening.

After all, whether it be Luo Mantian, Gu Li, or He Yidao, they were all Grand Primes. Every single strike from them was devastating, and they had struck the defenceless peak lord with terrifying power. The destructive impact of the attacks on the peak lord was evident.

Immediately, the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak, who was known as the greatest expert of the Cloud Plane, faced tremendous danger.

To another side, the expressions of Tong Wuming, Lieyan Wuji, and Zhou Zhidao suddenly changed. They stared at the sword in the peak lord and the fist that had collapsed his back as they felt like the world around them was spinning. They felt like the sky was collapsing.

At that moment, how could they not understand? Luo Mantian of the Godsfallen clan, He Yidao of the Daoist Sect of Emergence, and Gu Li of the Heavenquaking sect had all betrayed the Righteous Alliance.

Moreover, they had done so at such a critical moment, dealing a fatal strike to the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak while he was unaware.

"Luo Mantian, He Yidao, Gu Li, you all should die!" The ancestor of the Firegod clan, Lieyan Wuji, had always been the person with the shortest temper. Their betrayal had completely infuriated him. Flames suddenly surged from his body, sweeping through the entire region. It caused the space to constantly distort as the temperature there suddenly skyrocketed.

At that moment, the heat from Lieyan Wuji was thousands of times greater than the sun. The fire transformed into three dragons, directly charging towards Luo Mantian, He Yidao, and Gu Li.

At the same time, Tong Wuming and Zhou Zhidao struck out without any hesitation either. They both gave up on their original opponents and attacked the three of them from afar. At the same time, they quickly approached the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak.

However, as the space there had become unstable from their battle, their speed was inhibited, so they approached the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak rather slowly. They were nowhere near as fast as Luo Mantian and the others.

Otherwise, they would have been able to reach the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak in a single step.

The Gentle Breeze Ancestor, Zheng Hu, and Changfeng Yun stopped fighting as well. The twist with the Righteous Alliance had stunned the three of them. They stared at the people from the Righteous Alliance with their brows furrowed. They were rather puzzled.

Only Wu Lu and Gong Ji, who knew the inside story, were filled with vigor. They looked at the Righteous Alliance that had turned on themselves as they took joy in the whole matter.

"Gentle Breeze, what is happening?" Changyang Feng asked the Gentle Breeze Ancestor secretly. He was at a loss.

“Can’t you tell now? Luo Mantian, He Yidao, and Gu Li of the Righteous Alliance have all joined the young star lord,” said Gong Ji. At the same time, she tossed the jade talisman that the young star lord had given her to the three of them.

They caught the jade talisman and discovered that it did not contain a secret technique from the Star Brilliance Mountain at all. There was only a message from the young star lord, basically telling Gong Ji to cooperate with Luo Mantian to put on a show and get the peak experts of the Righteous Alliance to start fighting so that they could find an opportunity to launch a sneak attack on the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak.

The lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak was a peak Third Heavenly Layer Grand Prime after all. He was more powerful than anyone else on the Cloud Plane. It was very difficult for regular sneak attacks to succeed. An opportunity would only present itself during the chaos of battle.

“I see,” Chengfeng Yun and Zheng Hu both came to a realisation. Immediately, their gazes towards the people of the Righteous Alliance changed. It was no longer as stern as before.

“From today onwards, the Righteous Alliance will cease to exist on the Cloud Plane,” Zheng Hu said in amazement. Out of the seven peak experts of the Righteous Alliance, three of them had switched sides. The only ones that remained were the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak, Tong Wuming, Lieyan Wuji, and Zhou Zhidao.

Moreover, the peak lord was heavily injured, so his strength was greatly inhibited.

On the other hand, their Four Symbols Alliance had gained three traitors, amounting to a total of eight people. They now possessed an absolute advantage.

“W- why do you do this...” The peak lord’s face was rather gloomy. Chunks of his skin had already changed in colour, but he paid no concern to his wounds. Instead, he looked at Luo Mantian, Gu Li, and He Yidao in great pain.

“The Righteous Alliance is done for. We only chose a path that would allow us to exist,” Gu Li said calmly. He showed no regret or shame at all. Instead, there was just coldness and indifference.

Afterwards, he and He Yidao immediately retreated, pulling far away from the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak.

They understood the strength of the peak lord extremely well. He was a supreme expert who could face the Heavenless Demon Exalt, a Grand Prime who had broken through to the Fourth Heavenly Layer, in battle. Even though he was heavily injured, he still posed a great threat to them.

At the same time, Lieyan Wuji’s three scorching dragons, condensed from the Laws of Fire, arrived and wrapped around the three of them.

“I’ll burn you three traitors to a crisp!” Lieyan Wuji called out. The Laws of Fire condensed in the surroundings, becoming more and more powerful.

Boom!

At this moment, a rumble rang out. Luo Mantian broke free from Lieyan Wuji's flame dragon first, tearing it to pieces with terrifying energy. Afterwards, the dagger in his hand flew out, gently touching the dragons around He Yidao and Gu Li.

The fire dragons immediately weakened like deflating balloons before being torn to pieces by the two of them.

Immediately, the three of them broke free successfully.

However, aside from Luo Mantian, Gu Li and He Yidao were in sorry shape. Large areas of their skin had been charred, and their faces were blackened.

"Lieyan Wuji really is powerful. He really is a Second Heavenly Layer Grand Prime after all," Gu Li glanced at his charred arm and murmured.

Among the three of them, only Luo Mantian was at the Second Heavenly Layer. He and He Yidao were both at the First Heavenly Layer. Naturally, they would struggle a little to fend off Lieyan Wuji's furious attack.

"So what if he's at the Second Heavenly Layer? He'll be dead very soon," He Yidao said calmly before arriving on the side of the Four Symbols Alliance with Gu Li and Luo Mantian. They stood there coldly.

Lieyan Wuji, Tong Wuming, and Zhou Zhidao did not chase them. Instead, they arrived at the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak's side together. All of their faces were extremely ugly.

"It's the power of a curse. Luo Mantian, y- y- you really are vicious," Tong Wuming stared at the peak lord's green skin and said in pain. He was furious.

He could tell with a single glance that the true wound that was fatal to the peak lord did not come from He Yidao and Gu Li but the power of a curse from Luo Mantian's dagger.

The power of the curse was the greatest threat. It was like a venomous snake, constantly poisoning the peak lord such that his life force would be sapped away at every moment.

Compared to the power of the curse, the wounds that He Yidao and Gu Li caused were not very severe at all.

"The power of the curse is very powerful. I- it's a curse from a Fourth Heavenly Layer Grand Prime at the very least," Lieyan Wuji said extremely sternly.

Chapter 2596: The Martial Soul Mountain Descends

Tong Wuming and Zhou Zhidao's faces both became ugly as they watched the curse rapidly spread and deepen on the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak's body.

The curse had surpassed the level of laws that they had grasped. As a result, the three of them were powerless against the curse on the peak lord.

Curses were extremely difficult to deal with. Nullifying them required an expert who had also comprehended the Laws of Curses to use their own laws to slowly remove it. At the same time, the level

of the curse that the peak lord had been inflicted with required a late Grand Prime who had comprehended the Laws of Curses at the very least to nullify.

If one's comprehension of the Laws of Curses was too low, it would be like an ant attacking an elephant. Nothing would happen at all.

Of course, they could also find a supreme expert who was far more powerful than the owner of the curse, using their stronger power of laws to forcefully disperse the curse and save the peak lord.

However, not a single person present fulfilled either condition to nullify the curse.

"It's no problem. The curse was only embedded on a god artifact. Its power was reduced, so it can't threaten my life immediately," the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak said rather feebly. He had received sneak attacks from Luo Mantian, Gu Li, and He Yidao. Not only was he heavily injured, but he even had to devote a major portion of his power to suppress the curse. As a result, he would probably struggle to even use thirty percent of his full power.

The wounds to the body could be dealt with using high grade pills, but he had to personally suppress the curse.

"I never thought, I really never thought that Gu Li, He Yidao, and Luo Mantian would actually betray the Righteous Alliance and work with the Four Symbols Alliance." The lord of the Heaven's Link Peak let out a long sigh. He felt melancholic. "It looks like our Righteous Alliance will fall to the crisis this time."

"Peak lord, you're wrong. We're not working with the Four Symbols Alliance. Instead, we chose to follow the young star lord," Luo Mantian said indifferently from the other side. He felt no shame at all. Just by saying he was following the young star lord, he rendered his grievances with the Four Symbols Alliance null.

"Peak lord, I must admit that you were once very wise in the past, but you've made a mistake this time. You shouldn't have supported the Tian Yuan clan. After all, the Tian Yuan clan only has some connection to the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng through Ming Dong. Even though Ming Dong possesses some status in the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, how can he match the young star lord? At most, Ming Dong is the first majesty's disciple. However, the young star lord is the child of the Nine Brilliance Star Lord. Just that is something Ming Dong can never match up to," said Gu Li. The Laws of Strength revolved around him as his beefy muscles hid explosive power. His burn wounds rapidly recovered.

"And most importantly, a true sovereign stands behind the Nine Brilliance Star Lord. That's an existence who has fused with the heavenly ways. He can interfere with the operation of the ways with his will and is a ruler of an entire world. As for the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng, they only have the first majesty. How can the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng match up to the Star Brilliance Mountain like this?" He Yidao added. As soon as he mentioned the sovereign, his eyes were filled with evident respect and admiration.

He knew that this so-called sovereign had only taken one extra step from the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Grand Prime, which still made them a Grand Prime, but this step was almost impossible to take. That single step made all the difference.



“Righteous Alliance, ever since the Tian Empire was destroyed, we’ve always been in conflict. After so many years of conflict, we can finally end it all,” Gong Ji said from the side of the Four Symbols Alliance. Her deep eyes showed no reluctance at all. Instead, it was filled with coldness and killing intent.

“What’re we saying so much for? Let’s do it together and destroy them sooner. From today onwards, the Cloud Plane will be under our Four Symbols Alliance’s control,” said Wu Lu. He was rather eager and slightly excited. Their Four Symbols Alliance could complete the ambitious wish that the Tian Empire had failed to accomplish.

The Gentle Breeze Ancestor said nothing. He continued to frown as he hovered in the sea of stars silently. He would glance past the three experts who had betrayed the Righteous Alliance from time to time as the light in his eyes flickered.

Luo Mantian, He Yidao, and Gu Li’s betrayal had completely surprised him. However, their betrayal and decision to yield to the young star lord made the Gentle Breeze Ancestor feel very conflicted.

Their Four Symbols Alliance had already developed deep grievances with the Righteous Alliance, and it was to the point where they could no longer reconcile. Gong Ji and Wu Lu could ignore the past and forget about the grievances, but others were not able to be as broad-minded as them.

Just how many people and organisations below them would be willing to forget this hatred?

Changfeng Yun and Zheng Hu remained silent as well. Clearly, they struggled to accept the three of them. After all, many of the outstanding descendants and disciples from their clans and sects had died to the Godsfallen clan, Heavenuaking sect, and Daoist Sect of Emergence.

This was not something that could be resolved in a few words.

After all, not everyone could be as forgiving as Gong Ji and Wu Lu.

As if she had guessed their thoughts, Gong Ji said to the Gentle Breeze Ancestor, Changfeng Yun, and Zheng Hu secretly, “Our priority is to destroy the Righteous Alliance. As for Luo Mantian and the other two, hmph, the young star lord won’t always remain on the Cloud Plane. Once the situation on the Cloud Plane stabilises, we can come up with plenty of methods to deal with them.”

“What, why have you all stopped? Why don’t you hurry up and kill the people of the Righteous Alliance? Hmph, only death awaits those who oppose me.” At this moment, the young star lord flew up from the Cloud Plane as well. He was complacent as if victory was within his grasp.

Two Chaotic Primes accompanied the young star lord. They were responsible for his safety to prevent any accidents from happening when the experts of the two alliances clashed.

After the battle between the Grand Primes came to a halt, Jian Chen and Xu Ran arrived in outer space as well. They arrived beside the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak.

“Peak lord, you wound...” Jian Chen stared at the power of the curse on the peak lord. He was stern.

He had also comprehended the Laws of Curses, but his comprehension still remained at early Godking. As a result, he could clearly sense just how powerful the curse on the peak lord was.

That was the power of laws from a Grand Prime.

“It’s not life-threatening for now. It’s our defeat this time. Hurry up and order a retreat. We have to give up on the Cloud Plane,” the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak said secretly. Now that the Four Symbols Alliance had eight experts, the Righteous Alliance had no chance at victory with just Lieyan Wuji, Tong Wuming, and Zhou Zhidao.

They did not possess an expert who could overwhelm multiple opponents of the same level.

“The Gentle Breeze Ancestor is a Third Heavenly Layer Grand Prime. Even though he only broke through two centuries ago, only our lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak can defeat him. We can only retreat now,” Tong Wuming sighed gently. They were powerless to reverse the situation.

“Senior, it’s far too soon to say that. We still don’t know who will be victorious in this battle,” said Jian Chen. He was calm and very composed. Afterwards, he looked at the young star lord and said, “You are celebrating too soon. Do you really think you can kill me with just the Four Symbols Alliance?”

With that, the landscape nearby suddenly twisted. The stars vanished, and the figure of a colossal mountain silently appeared.

The mountain was humongous. It could blot out the sky and block all the starlight. It rapidly consolidated from its blurry image. In the end, it seemed to become tangible, appearing in outer space silently just like that. It had arrived near the Cloud Plane like a ghost.

“T- that’s...” Whether it be the Righteous Alliance or the Four Symbols Alliance, they were both stunned when they saw the mountain that suddenly appeared.

The colossal mountain had arrived far too suddenly. They actually failed to sense its approach at all. They had no idea where the mountain had come from.

It was as if the mountain had been hidden there the entire time and was only showing itself just then.

“T- that seems to be the legendary Martial Soul Mountain!” The Gentle Breeze Ancestor stared right at the mountain as he exclaimed sternly.

The Martial Soul Mountain was an object of legends in the Saints’ World. Many experts had only heard about it before. There were not many who had seen it.

In the vast Saints’ World, the Martial Soul Mountain was not fixed to a single location. It drifted through the boundless outer space. It was very difficult for outsiders who were not successors of the Martial Soul Lineage to find any traces of it.

As a result, the Martial Soul Mountain was legendary to many Grand Primes.

“What? The Martial Soul Mountain? I- is this the Martial Soul Mountain?”

“The Martial Soul Mountain is the symbol of the Martial Soul lineage. Since the Martial Soul Mountain has appeared here, the Martial Soul lineage has arrived on our Cloud Plane.”

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A few people cried out from the Four Symbols Alliance. All of them were very unfamiliar with regards to the Martial Soul Mountain, but they had heard quite a lot of rumours about the Martial Soul lineage.

The Martial Soul lineage was an extremely unique legacy in the vast Saints' World. Even though they only possessed a measly number of people, no one dared to underestimate them.

That was because every successor of the Martial Soul lineage possessed extremely great battle prowess. Challenging those at greater cultivation levels was like a day-to-day affair for them. Many supreme prodigies painstakingly raised by large sects and organisations would completely pale in comparison to any successor of the Martial Soul lineage.

They were the symbol of invincibility among the same level of cultivation. Ever triumphant, they were truly impossible existences who could rival successors of Grand Exalts.

"Why has the Martial Soul Mountain come to our Cloud Plane?" Gong Ji mumbled. She was puzzled. Afterwards, she glanced past Jian Chen and said in uncertainty, "Is it because..."

Chapter 2597: Eighth Junior Brother

"Has Jian Chen asked the Martial Soul lineage to come? Impossible. How does Jian Chen have connections with the Martial Soul lineage?" Gong Ji refused to accept this.

The Gentle Breeze Ancestor, Changfeng Yun, Zheng Hu, Wu Lu, Luo Mantian, He Yidao, and Gu Li all stared at the Martial Soul Mountain that had suddenly appeared in surprise and doubt. The light in their eyes flickered with uncertainty.

Not a single peak expert on the Cloud Plane, whether they be from the Righteous Alliance or the Four Symbols Alliance, knew about Jian Chen's relationship with the Martial Soul lineage.

The Cloud Plane was one of the weakest among the forty-nine great planes of the Saints' World. The information they received was limited. It was impossible for them to know everything that happened in the vast Saints' World.

Only the young star lord knew many things about Jian Chen. He knew Jian Chen was the eighth successor of the Martial Soul lineage.

However, the young star lord was not worried about the Martial Soul lineage.

"Hmph, what are you afraid of? They're just the Martial Soul lineage. What's there to worry about? If they offend me and my foster father takes action, they won't be able to avoid destruction even if they hide on the Martial Soul Mountain," the young star lord said arrogantly. He was completely fearless with the Nine Brilliance Star Lord supporting him.

The Martial Soul lineage truly posed no threat to the Star Brilliance Mountain.

The experts of the Tian Yuan clan faced the armies of the Four Symbols Alliance beyond the fortresses of the Pingtian Empire on the Cloud Plane. All the Primordial realm experts from both sides stared at outer space.

The battle between the Grand Primes was just too intense, so they could not approach it with the senses of their souls. However, that did not mean they could not watch it with their eyes.

Luo Mantian, Gu Li, and He Yidao's betrayal shocked both sides. No one had expected such a great twist to happen. As a result, the Righteous Alliance that originally possessed the upper hand was at a disadvantage now.

"The Righteous Alliance is done for..."

"I never thought the Godsfallen clan, the Daoist Sect of Emergence, and the Heavenquaking sect would actually betray them. Haha, with their betrayal, the Righteous Alliance is truly done for..."

"The Righteous Alliance is about to be destroyed..."

Chaotic Primes of the Four Symbols Alliance laughed aloud. They were in great spirits.

In the past, the Righteous Alliance had always weighed on their chests to the point of suffocation because they understood the strength of the Righteous Alliance. With what the Four Symbols Alliance possessed, they were not the Righteous Alliance's opponents at all. Once the lord of the Heaven's Link Peak broke through, their Four Symbols Alliance would face destruction.

It was perfect now. There was actually internal strife within the Righteous Alliance, dooming them in an instant. All the experts from the Four Symbols Alliance celebrated over this.

On the side of the Tian Yuan clan, protector Xue, protector Mei, protector Xing, and protector Bai's expressions were extremely ugly. The lord of the Heaven's Link Peak was heavily injured, and the betrayal made them feel like the world was ending.

"Look, a mountain has suddenly appeared in outer space. It's such a colossal mountain, and i- i- it's actually completely condensed from energy. J- just how much energy is that..." Suddenly, a Chaotic Prime great elder cried out from within the base of the Four Symbols Alliance.

Immediately, the Martial Soul Mountain that had arrived silently was exposed before everyone. Due to the great distance, the colossal mountain only seemed as large as a sesame seed to everyone.

"T- that's the Martial Soul Mountain. Why has the Martial Soul Mountain come here?" Protector Xue cried out. He stared right at the mountain in outer space as his eyes shone with a strange light.

"The Martial Soul Mountain? Protector Xue, what kind of organisation in the Martial Soul Mountain? Are they very powerful?" Protector Mei, protector Bai, and protector Xing all looked at protector Xue.

Although the Martial Soul Mountain was very well known in the Saints' World, not everyone knew about it. Only some ancient experts or people who were well-versed with information knew about its existence.

"The Martial Soul Mountain? What kind of organisation is that? That does sound a little familiar. It seems like I've read about it in some ancient annals. I just can't remember it," a great elder from the Four Symbols Alliance frowned and murmured to himself when he heard protector Xue's cry. He sank into his thoughts.

"The Martial Soul Mountain. That represents an everlasting legacy of the Saints' World, the Martial Soul lineage. Our Four Symbols Alliance doesn't have much on the Martial Soul lineage, but the records we possess describes the Martial Soul lineage to be very incredible," a great elder said sternly from one side. He stared at the Martial Soul Mountain in outer space curiously.

“Very incredible? How incredible?”

“The records dictate that they are the gods of slaughter at the same level of cultivation. They are the kings of the level of cultivation they possess...”

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A pressure suddenly appeared in outer space as a powerful pulse of energy swept through the galaxies, causing the faces of all the Grand Primes present to harden.

The colossal image condensed from the Martial Soul Mountain had finally demonstrated its might and power at that moment.

“The Martial Soul lineage really is reputed for a reason. Just the energy in this illusionary Martial Soul Mountain has surpassed me,” Lieyan Wuji sighed in surprise.

The lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak, Tong Wuming, and Zhou Zhidao remained silent. However, they all stared at the Martial Soul Mountain. Clearly, they had no idea why it had come.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Three figures shot over from the Martial Soul Mountain. They did not give off an earth-shaking presence. They seemed more like ghosts, silently gliding through the cold, dark space. They moved extremely quickly, arriving before Jian Chen in an instant.

They were Hun Zang, Chu Jian, and Yue Chao.

The eyes of the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak, Tong Wuming, Zhou Zhidao, and Lieyan Wuji all narrowed. They immediately became wary with the Martial Soul lineage’s approach.

Even though these three people from the Martial Soul Lineage were all Chaotic Primes, the Grand Primes dared not be careless towards the Martial Soul lineage.

“Eighth junior brother, who angered you? Tell senior brother so that I can bring you their head,” said Hun Zang like it was no big deal. He paid no attention to the Grand Primes gathered there.

As soon as they heard how he referred to Jian Chen, the peak lord and everyone else shuddered. They were shocked.

Since the people from the Martial Soul lineage referred to Jian Chen as junior brother, that made him a successor of the Martial Soul lineage as well, did it not?

“How can Jian Chen be a part of the Martial Soul lineage? That’s impossible.” The Gentle Breeze Ancestor was in disbelief as well. He knew a little more regarding the Martial Soul lineage than everyone else. They were a legacy known to be everlasting in the Saints’ World.

Even peak organisations with Grand Exalts could not claim that they would be everlasting because quite a few of them had been destroyed throughout history.

Only the Martial Soul lineage would continue to exist.

They were given birth to by the world. Even if all the successors were slain, new people would be born once again after some time.

#### Chapter 2598: Claiming the Life of a Grand Prime Instantly

“Greetings to first senior brother, second senior brother, and third senior brother. I came across trouble this time, so I could only trouble you,” Jian Chen said with his fist clasped. His gaze paused on Yue Chao. He discovered that Yu Chao had basically recovered from his wounds from the protector swords, so he immediately stopped worrying.

“Haha, we’re one big family, so how can you talk like we’re not? Moreover, out of the eight of us, eighth junior brother is the most outstanding. Who knows, maybe we’ll have to rely on you in the future,” Chu Jian laughed. He truly treated Jian Chen as family without any selfish intentions, much less deception.

The Grand Primes from the Four Symbols Alliance were stern. They had never thought that Jian Chen would be a member of the Martial Soul lineage. Now that the Martial Soul Mountain had come, they felt troubled.

Even though the Martial Soul lineage had no Grand Primes, they were significant. Anyone who knew a little about the Martial Soul lineage would always hold some fear towards them unless they had reached a terrifying level of cultivation where they had no need to fear anything.

“The Martial Soul lineage is known to be invincible among the same level of cultivation. Their battle prowess is extremely incredible. However, they’re only Chaotic Primes, and the difference between Chaotic Prime and Grand Prime is basically insurmountable. I refuse to believe that they can challenge Grand Primes as Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Primes.”

However, Gu Li from the Heavenquaking sect was not particularly wary of the Martial Soul lineage. He comprehended the Laws of Strength, making him one of the stronger experts at his level of cultivation.

He took a step forward. His eyes were cold, and his killing intent was sharp. The Laws of Strength in the surroundings revolved around him, filling his every muscle with destructive power. He could collapse space with the slightest movement.

“I am Gu Li of the Heavenquaking sect, and I would like to witness the so-called Martial Soul Force of the Martial Soul lineage. However, let me put it out there first. If you aren’t as powerful as you are rumoured to be, you can’t blame me if I accidentally crush one of you with my fist.” Gu Li sneered provokingly. Afterwards, he directly struck out. A fist tore through space with terrifying strength. It made the space there shudder and the stars shake.

He did not hold back with the punch. It was filled with killing intent.

“You’re only a Grand Prime who has comprehended the Laws of Strength, and you’re only at the First Heavenly Layer as well. Yet, you still challenge our Martial Soul lineage?” Chu Jian sneered in disdain. He looked at Gu Li, and powerful Martial Soul Force suddenly shot out. It was invisible and broke free from the restraints of time and space. It could overcome all obstructions, and it entered Gu Li’s soul the moment it shot out.

Immediately, Gu Li grunted. He staggered as the terrifying power in his punch rapidly dispersed. His face immediately became utterly pale.

His soul had been heavily injured. He endured a splitting pain, and it was as if his head was about to explode. He was in agony. The world spun around him.

Chu Jian was one of the three most powerful people from the Martial Soul lineage. His Martial Soul Force was extremely powerful. Regular Grand Primes really could not endure his Martial Soul Force.

“You’re a mere First Heavenly Layer Grand Prime, yet you’re still so arrogant. Killing you is too easy.” Chu Jian snorted coldly. He arrived before Gu Li with a flash and directly cut off Gu Li’s head with his sword.

Spurt!

Blood gushed out as a head was tossed into the sky. Gu Li basically failed to put up any defences at all. He had been beheaded in a single stroke by Chu Jian.

“Gu Li! Luo Mantian and He Yidao cried out. They paled in fright and immediately shot over in an attempt to save him.

Everything had happened far too quickly. They all failed to react in that split second, and Gu Li’s head was cut off. It was just far too shocking, far too unbelievable.

However, as long as a Grand Prime’s soul remained intact, they would not be dead. Gu Li’s head had only been cut off. His soul remained.

However, his soul still had not recovered from Chu Jian’s Martial Soul Force attack.

Swish!

With a flash, Chu Jian struck out a second time. The sharp tip of his sword stabbed into Gu Li’s forehead, piercing through it completely.

“Argh!” This time, Gu Li finally could not help but let out a miserable wail. This was a wail from his soul. After being stabbed by Chu Jian’s sword, his soul slowly dispersed.

The ancestor of the Heavenquaking sect, Gu Li, was dead!

The expressions of the Grand Primes from the Four Symbols Alliance all changed when they witnessed Gu Li’s death. All of them stood with their eyes widened as they stared at the dead soul on Chu Jian’s sword. They experienced emotional turmoil.

The lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak, Tong Wuming, Zhou Zhidao, and Lieyan Wuji were completely dumbfounded. They had been petrified.

That was a Grand Prime, an existence that stood at the apex of a plane. He could make the entire Cloud Plame tremble with just a stamp of his feet, yet he had just died like that!

They struggled to believe it.

At this moment, another two grunts rang out. They came from Luo Mantian and He Yidao.

The two of them wanted to save Gu Li. However, not only did they fail, they even froze up halfway. Their faces became ugly.

Hun Zang and Yue Chao attacked. They used Martial Soul Force to injure their souls. Afterwards, Hun Zang and Yue Chao flashed towards Luo Mantian and He Yidao at the same time.

They had completely understood the situation of the Cloud Plane through their short conversation with Jian Chen. They knew who the enemies were.

“What’re you staring for? Hurry up and stop them!” Gong Ji called out and took the initiative to provide support.

They had already lost Gu Li. Luo Mantian and He Yidao definitely could not die, or the Four Symbols Alliance would completely lose the advantage they had gained after so much difficulty.

And now that the Martial Soul lineage had appeared, they needed experts like Luo Mantian and He Yidao even more if they wanted to match up to the Four Symbols Alliance.

Boom!

With a deafening rumble, powerful energy swept through the stars as a storm. Gong Ji had already arrived beside Luo Mantian. She clashed with Hun Zang, preventing him from killing Luo Mantian.

Basically at the same time, Wu Lu arrived before He Yidao in a flash and clashed with Yue Chao. He called out at the same time, “People of the Martial Soul lineage, Jian Chen has offended the young star lord. He is someone that the young star lord wants dead. If you protect Jian Chen, that will be opposing the Star Brilliance Plane and the Nine Brilliance Star Lord. You need to think about the consequences.”

“Hahahaha, even if we had to oppose Grand Exalts and the entire Saints’ World, so what? Let alone the Nine Brilliance Star Lord. Our Martial Soul lineage does not fear death,” Chu Jian laughed fearlessly.

“Young star lord, we need to retreat.” The two Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime great elders from the Four Symbols Alliance were stern. They stood in front of the young star lord, protecting him as he backed away.

Weaker Chaotic Primes could not endure the shockwaves from battles between experts of such a level. The young star lord would have died long ago as a Godking if he did not have the protection of the two Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Primes.

Chapter 2599: Killing Another

“Martial Soul Force really is powerful. No wonder the Martial Soul lineage is known to be invincible among the same level of cultivation. It really might be difficult to fight against such an unbelievable power.” Luo Mantian had already recovered from Hun Zang’s Martial Soul Force attack. He was extremely stern. He shivered as he thought about what he had just gone through.

He had actually been stunned by Martial Soul Force earlier, causing his awareness to completely plummet. Even though it was just a single moment, it was enough to end his life in a battle between experts.

What made him feel even more fear was that he was unable to defend against the Martial Soul Force at all. He could only act like a living target, forcefully enduring the attack.



“Everyone be careful. Don’t fight them alone,” Gong Ji called out. She was extremely stern as well. Even though her opponents were only Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Primes, the threat that they posed was far greater than many Grand Primes.

The only thing that prevented Gong Ji from worrying was that the people of the Martial Soul lineage were basically limited to concentrating their Martial Soul Force on a single person to influence the souls of Grand Primes if they wanted to stun or injure their souls.

If the Martial Soul Force was divided and used against two Grand Primes at the same time, it would not be a worry. It would not be able to influence them very much.

At that moment, all the other people took action aside from the Gentle Breeze Ancestor. Coupled with Luo Mantian and He Yidao, a total of six Grand Primes fought against Hun Zang, Chu Jian, and Yue Chao.

Hun Zang, Chu Jian, and Yue Chao were astonishingly powerful. With their cultivations at the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Chaotic Prime, they managed to match the Grand Primes evenly. Even though they had not gained the upper hand, they had not lost the upper hand either.

At the same time, the Martial Soul Force that they emitted from time to time would cause great trouble to the Grand Primes of the Four Symbols Alliance.

“God dammit, their power is strange. Whenever I clash with him, my soul will be struck by a wondrous power. I can’t block it at all. We can’t fight them in a drawn out battle, or we’ll definitely be the ones to suffer. We have to finish it fast,” Zheng Hu called out. His face was extremely ugly and slightly pale.

Zheng Hu had only broken through to Grand Prime recently. His soul was the weakest out of all the Grand Primes present, so he was the first one to weaken.

Boom!

With a great rumble, Gong Ji was sent flying by a single punch from Hun Zang. She shot away like a comet as blood oozed from the corner of her mouth.

“Impossible, impossible!” Gong Ji was at a loss. Her eyes widened as she stared at Hun Zang in completely disbelief.

“Y- your comprehension is clearly only at Chaotic Prime, so w- why is your energy so tremendous. I- it has clearly surpassed Chaotic Prime,” Gong Ji hissed like she had gone insane.

“Their comprehension remains at Chaotic Prime, but their cultivation has already broken through to Grand Prime. T- this doesn’t make sense.” Luo Mantian was stunned as well as he stared at Hun Zang blankly.

Comprehension referred to the comprehension of the laws of the world, while cultivation referred to the amount of energy accumulated within an expert.

All cultivators in the Saints’ World would have their cultivation restricted by their comprehension. Their cultivation could only increase when their comprehension had increased. As a result, comprehension would always come before cultivation.

There were people who possessed greater comprehension than their cultivation, but there had never been anyone who had greater cultivation than their comprehension. It was the laws of the world, an iron rule.

However, Hun Zang had clearly defied this.

“The Martial Soul lineage is actually so powerful...” To another side, the lord of the Heaven’s Link Peak, Lieyan Wuji, Zhou Zhidao, and Tong Wuming were shocked.

Even though they had heard of the Martial Soul lineage before, all that they knew came from rumours and records. They could not avoid some doubt about it all. Yet, only now when they personally witnessed the strength of the Martial Soul lineage were they truly astonished.

“Let’s join in as well. This time, we have to make the Four Symbols Alliance pay a heavy price,” Tong Wuming said coldly. Killing intent surged in his eyes. The arrival of the Martial Soul lineage had turned the tables once again. They had regained the upper hand.

“We have to carve Luo Mantian and He Yidao into pieces. They definitely have to pay a heavy price for their actions.” Zhou Zhidao ground his teeth. He utterly resented Luo Mantian and He Yidao.

“Hmph, I’ll make their souls endure the scorching of flames for ten thousand years. I’ll make them die after they go through agony,” Lieyan Wuji said sternly.

Jian Chen had already collected Gu Li’s corpse. As soon as he heard the words of the three experts, he immediately said, “Three seniors, it’s best if you rest a little. Our Martial Soul lineage will deal with the Four Symbols Alliance.” With that, he flew to the nearby Martial Soul Mountain.

On the Martial Soul Mountain, fourth senior brother Yun Ziting, fifth senior sister Su Qi, sixth senior brother Bai Rufeng, and seventh senior brother Qing Shan stood together. They paid close attention to the battle below.

They did not take part because the battle below had reached the level of Grand Primes. Even though there were Chaotic Primes among them, they were nowhere near as powerful as Hun Zang, Chu Jian, and Yue Chao.

“Greetings, fourth senior brother, fifth senior sister, sixth senior brother, and seventh senior brother.” Jian Chen clasped his fist at the four of them.

“There’s no need for you to be so polite. I saw you collect the corpse of the Grand Prime earlier. Were the corpses from fifth senior sister last time not enough?” Yun Ziting asked.

“It’s naturally the more the better. I am quite in the need for them,” replied Jian Chen.

“That’s no problem. The corpses of Primordial realm experts are easy to collect. Aren’t there plenty of them down there? Eighth junior brother, fall into the Martial Soul Array with us to assist the three senior brothers. Let’s try to kill another person,” said Su Qi. Even though she was female, she was not soft-hearted at all.

“Aright!”

Jian Chen already knew about the Martial Soul Array. It was only one of the many formations of the Martial Soul Mountain.

Afterwards, Jian Chen immediately fell into a formation with Yun Ziting, Su Qi, Bai Rufeng, and Qing Shan. They formed the Martial Soul Array with their strength.

As soon as the Martial Soul Array appeared, Jian Chen had the impression that his soul, his Martial Soul Force, and even his vital energies, had perfectly fused with the four other seniors. They were inseparable.

Their minds and lives were connected in this state. They could control the power as they wished, achieving a mutual agreement that did not require any communication at all.

#### Chapter 2600: A Complete Victory

“With our powers combined, w- we can probably rival senior Chu Jian and senior Yue Chao.” Jian Chen was in shock as he sensed their combined power.

Among the five of them, Yun Ziting was a Fifth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime, Su Qi was a Third Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime, Bai Rufeng was a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, and Qing Shan had only reached Infinite Prime recently.

If it were other cultivators, even if they combined their powers through a formation, they definitely could not reach the level of a Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime.

The energy within a Fifth Heavenly Layer and a Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime did not vary by just quantity. There was also a difference in quality.

However, the Martial Soul lineage could easily achieve this feat through the Martial Soul Array.

“Eighth junior brother, who should we kill?” Qing Shan’s voice rang out in Jian Chen’s head.

As they stood in the Martial Soul Array, the five of them could communicate without words. They only needed to use their minds. They only needed to think of something, and the four other people could sense it at the same time. It was extremely profound.

“Let’s pick the weakest first. It’ll be much easier if we start with the weaker ones. We might not be able to kill the stronger ones with a single strike,” said Jian Chen. It was better to kill one than to injure them all. Moreover, the corpses of Grand Primes were too great of a temptation for him to miss out on.

Just a single corpse from an expert at such a level could provide immeasurable assistance to the Immortal Devouring Orchid’s growth.

The Immortal Devouring Orchid’s demand for corpses would only increase in the future. Its demand for their cultivation level would increase as well, so he needed to collect as many as he could.

“Even if we’re in the Martial Soul Array, we can injure Grand Primes at most just with the five of us. Killing them will be rather difficult. Use your Martial Soul Force to keep one of my opponents busy. Leave the killing to your senior brother,” Chu Jian said secretly. He fought against Zheng Hu and Changfeng Yun of the Four Symbols Alliance alone. He used his advantage of Martial Soul Force to temporarily match Zheng Hu and Changfeng Yun.

Jian Chen glanced down. He understood the peak experts of the Four Symbols Alliance a little and said, "The two of them are Changfeng Yun and Zheng Hu. Changfeng Yun became a Grand Prime many years ago, but it's said that Zheng Hu only broke through recently. Kill him first." Jian Chen's eyes were cold. There was no pity at all.

Now, he had completely fallen out with the Four Symbols Alliance. They were enemies. Coupled with the factor of the young star lord, their relationship had reached a point where only one side could emerge alive.

"Let's keep Changfeng Yun busy and make time for second senior brother," Yun Ziting immediately said.

The next moment, the Martial Soul Array shone brightly. A power that could rival Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Primes erupted, suddenly shooting out as a pillar of dazzling energy. It headed right towards Changfeng Yun.

Changfeng Yun frowned. He was extremely stern. As a Grand Prime, an attack from a mere Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime was nothing in his eyes, but he dared not underestimate the Martial Soul lineage.

He equipped a set of god artifact armor. Energy surged around him, and the power of laws wrapped around him. He directly extended a finger.

That gesture contained the terrifying power of Grand Primes. That gesture abided with the world, possessing the profound truths of the world.

This was why a Grand Prime was terrifying. Their comprehension of the ways of the world had reached an extremely profound level. A casual strike from them possessed the might of the world.

Boom!

With that, the attack from the Martial Soul Array was dispersed by Changfeng Yun. Even though the attack had reached the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Chaotic Prime when they worked together, which was equivalent to Chu Jian and Yue Chao, it still paled slightly if it was really compared to the two of them.

However, Changfeng Yun had only managed to disperse the power. There was nothing he could do about the Martial Soul Force within the attack.

The lingering Martial Soul Force seemed to have fused with space. It was invisible to the eye and the senses of the soul. It shot into Changfeng Yun's head like it was unstoppable.

Even though Changfeng Yun was protected by a god artifact, he was unable to stop the Martial Soul Force.

Changfeng Yun's expression immediately changed slightly. At that moment, his attack became slightly sluggish as well.

"Soul-destroying technique!" On the mountain soul, all of their power gathered on Yun Ziting's body. With a thought, the four others immediately felt their Martial Soul Force decrease drastically. The Soul-destroying technique had been used, forming an invisible sword that stabbed into Changfeng Yun's soul in an instant.

The attack this time was several times more powerful than the last. Changfeng Yun immediately grunted. He felt like his soul was being stabbed by needles. He experienced a splitting headache.

Changfeng Yun sensed that the situation was bad. If Chu Jian attacked him at a moment like this, he would face life-threatening danger. Without any hesitation, he immediately retreated, pulling away from Chu Jian. He was ready to keep fighting after his soul had recovered.

With Changfeng Yun's departure, only Zheng Hu was left fighting Chu Jian.

"Without the other person, you won't be able to fight back against me at all. Killing you is a piece of cake," Chu Jian said coldly. His eyes suddenly became pitch-black like two black holes in outer space. It hid terrifying energy.

Zheng Hu's face changed drastically when he saw Chu Jian's eyes. He clearly knew what it was like when Martial Soul Force was used. This was no regular attack.

However, even though Zheng Hu had become vigilant, it was too late. Martial Soul Force was unblockable, and Chu Jian was able to use his Martial Soul Force with a single thought. When Zheng Hu noticed his eyes, Chu Jian's Martial Soul Force had already shot out. It would arrive in a split second.

Immediately, Zheng Hu produced a grunt. He began to sway as he struggled to endure the pain from his soul. He temporarily lost sense of the world around him.

Swish!

At the same time, there was a flash, and Chu Jian's sword stabbed out light a bolt of lightning, piercing Zheng Hu's head.

Zheng Hu had died.

Chu Jian flickered his sword, directly tossing Zheng Hu's corpse onto the Martial Soul Mountain. After that, he continued towards Changfeng Yun.

"Zheng Hu is actually dead..." Changfeng Yun had gradually recovered. He stared at Zheng Hu's corpse blankly as his forehead became laced with cold sweat.

"God dammit..." Gong Ji, Wu Lu, and the others all cursed inside. With Zheng Hu's death, they had lost another peak expert. Victory gradually grew further away from them.

Luo Mantian and He Yidao were extremely stern. They stared at Zheng Hu's corpse silently.

"Let's retreat." The Gentle Breeze Ancestor sighed gently. At that moment, he was extremely gloomy. He stared at Zhou Zhidao, Tong Wuming, and Lieyan Wuji, who had not taken part, before turning around and leaving.

Gong Ji, Wu Lu, and Changfeng Yun knew that the situation right now was disadvantageous to them. They stopped fighting and retreated without any hesitation at all.

Luo Mantian and He Yidao glanced at each other. They gritted their teeth and could only retreat with everyone else.

However, they did not return to the Godsfallen clan and the Daoist Sect of Emergence. Instead, they directly went to the headquarters of the Four Symbols Alliance.

At the same time, all the formations around the headquarters of the Four Symbols Alliance were activated, unleashing their most powerful defence. The entire Four Symbols Alliance entered a state of high vigilance.