

Chaotic 2651

Chapter 2651: Internal Division

Jian Chen and Xu Ran left the central region, returning to the Pingtian Empire in the southern region.

Now, the Pingtian Empire had already reclaimed all of its lost land. With the powerful backing of the Tian Yuan clan, Mo Xingfeng's position as emperor had stabilised once again.

Mo Xingfeng's cultivation was nothing special. He was nowhere close to becoming a Godking, so who knows how many people were envious and jealous of his position.

However, no matter how many people envied it, Mo Xingfeng's position was immovable, as he was someone Jian Chen personally appointed.

Jian Chen's words carried quite some weight across the entire Cloud Plane, let alone the southern region. Even the Tong family, Firegod clan, and Cosmic sect would take them seriously.

Jian Chen was in no hurry to return to the Tian Yuan clan. As soon as he entered the Pingtian Empire, Xu Ran and he disguised themselves. They travelled across the Pingtian Empire at a steady rate as they toured many provincial cities.

All of the provincial cities of the Pingtian Empire had suffered damage of varying degrees from the recent war. Now that the war had ended, all the provincial cities were undergoing repairs.

The entire Pingtian Empire was bubbling with vigor and vitality. It was prosperous.

In the end, Jian Chen arrived in the Swordseeking province. The people of the Ling family were handling the repairs there.

When he arrived there, Jian Chen could not help but think about Ling Hougong. Back then, Ling Hougong was one of the few people who gained Jian Chen's recognition in the Divine King of Pingtian. However, after he received Godking Duanmu's legacy, he vanished, and there was no news of him since then.

With Jian Chen's current strength, he would be able to find Ling Hougong as long as he was still on the Cloud Plane. However, he did not. Ling Hougong had obtained Godking Duanmu's legacy. That was his fortuitous encounter, but he clearly needed time to digest and absorb this fortune. He would appear when the time was right.

Jian Chen had secretly taken care of the Ling family after Ling Hougong left. Although he rarely took personal action, he had told the Tian Yuan clan to watch out for them a very long time ago.

As a result, the Ling family had been developing smoothly under the Tian Yuan clan's care. They had no reason to worry about their status.

In the end, Jian Chen returned to the Dong'an province. As soon as he arrived, he saw towering city walls stretch up from the ground. The reconstruction of the provincial city was one of the greatest scale in the Pingtian Empire. The project used the most people as well, reaching over a million.

With over a million cultivators rebuilding the city, the speed was apparent. In just a short amount of time, the city walls had become extremely imposing. Not only was it grander than before, but it even wrapped around a larger area.

Using this opportunity, the provincial city of the Dong'an province had expanded once again.

"The entire provincial city was destroyed, but the new provincial city is much grander than before."

"Brother, the provincial city we've built will probably be able to match up to the imperial capital of the Blood Sun Empire."

"I haven't gone to the imperial capital of the Blood Sun Empire before, but I heard from the foreman that our city will be even more magnificent and even more awe-inspiring than the imperial capital of the Blood Sun Empire."

"Right? Not only is the Dong'an province the greatest province in the Pingtian Empire now, but it's also the greatest province in the entire southern region."

"You don't even know what you're saying. What greatest province in the southern region? Let me tell you straight that the current Dong'an province is the greatest province across the entire Cloud Plane. Don't ask me how I know this. I have a niece who happens to be an attendant in the Tian Yuan clan. She specially serves a protector in the Tian Yuan clan. She heard it from the protector."

"A protector? Heavens, isn't that a Primordial realm expert from the Tian Yuan clan?"

Similar conversations could be heard within the provincial city. It was filled with amazement and astonishment.

Many people became lost in wonder when they saw the scale and grandeur of the new provincial city. Even though the construction was not finished yet, its tremendous scale left a permanent impression on many people.

"Why is the city so big?" When Jian Chen saw the provincial city, he was surprised as well. When Xi Yu gave him the blueprints for the new provincial city, he had only glanced through it roughly, as there was no need for him to worry about these small matters with Xi Yu and the others present.

He only gained a rough understanding that the new provincial city would be rather large. He had never anticipated it to be so big.

Its size could truly match up to the imperial capital of the Blood Sun Empire now.

"The current Tian Yuan clan indeed requires a provincial city of such a scale," said Xu Ran. She was completely unaffected by this sight. She had lived for millions of years and had been to many places. Her insight was so great that she only found the provincial city to be at a tolerable size.

Afterwards, the two of them returned to the Tian Yuan clan. Before they could even sit down properly, a few members of the upper echelon asked them to visit the discussion hall.

Over a dozen people were seated within the majestic discussion hall. Most of them were the managers of the clan and members of the upper echelon. Jian Chen was only familiar with a fraction of them.

"I am Hua Qing. Greetings to the patriarch!"

"I am Hua Antai. Greetings to the patriarch!"

As soon as he entered the discussion hall, two middle-aged men stood up in a hurry. They arrived before Jian Chen politely and rather submissively before directly dropping to their knees and bowing their heads.

Jian Chen looked at the two of them and frowned slightly. Hua Qing and Hua Antai were both late Godkings. On the Cloud Plane, such individuals would possess some status, yet they actually discarded their pride to kneel before him. Jian Chen became a little confused about their intentions.

"Patriarch, the Hua brothers are from the Heavenly Moon Empire." At this moment, Xi Yu explained proactively, "The Heavenly Moon Empire had three peak organisations, which were the imperial family, the Earth Spirit sect, and the Daoist Sect of Calm Clouds. Below the three of them would be organisations like the Hua clan founded by the Hua brothers. The Hua clan has already sworn its loyalty to the Tian Yuan clan, so members of the Hua clan will never betray us. As a result, I plan to groom the Hua clan into the controller the Heavenly Moon Empire. I was wondering if the patriarch agrees with me."

"Patriarch, you must handle this matter carefully. The Hua clan isn't the most powerful in the Heavenly Moon Empire. If we want to support an organisation, we should support the most powerful one. Only then will we be able to remain in control. In my opinion, the Gula clan is the most suitable."

"Patriarch, the Zilei clan of the Heavenly Moon Empire has had many years of business with our Tian Yuan clan. They would always let us get the best end of the deal. As a result, we would gain the greatest profits with the smallest price. They have always been good friends with our Tian Yuan clan. Patriarch, please forgive me for my honest opinion, but I think we should support organisations on good terms with us rather than organisations that we have no idea what they're thinking."

After Xi Yu, two other high-ranking members of the Tian Yuan clan spoke out, recommending a clan each.

Although Jian Chen had left Xi Yu to manage how they would deal with the Heavenly Moon Empire, he did state that the Tian Yuan clan should not occupy the Heavenly Moon Empire.

He understood that he would always worry about the future of the Tian Yuan clan due to his identity, so he always minimised the size of the clan, preventing it from expanding too much. That way, it would be easier for him to evacuate them all.

Everyone naturally obeyed his words. Since the patriarch was against the Tian Yuan clan occupying the Heavenly Moon Empire, the high-ranking members of the clan all got to action to support a side.

Jian Chen could tell that this had happened as well. Clearly, Xi Yu had called him over in such a hurry because so many high-ranking members were against her decision, so she could not make one.

The words of these high-ranking members seemed very reasonable on the surface. They all seemed to be considering for the Tian Yuan clan.

“You’re recommending the other two organisations so eagerly, so you must have received quite a lot of benefits from them,” Jian Chen suddenly looked at the two high-ranking members and said calmly. Xi Yu’s identity was not as simple as an elder of the Tian Yuan clan. She was also the princess of the Xi Empire, so her status was great.

Why would these people oppose her without enough benefits to urge them on?

Chapter 2652: Domination in the Southern Region

“You are mistaken, patriarch. You are mistaken. We’re solely thinking about the interests of the clan. We would never betray the clan for selfish gains.”

“Patriarch, we are sincerely working for the development of the clan. We will never conduct embezzlement. The patriarch must look into the bottom of this.”

Jian Chen’s words frightened the two high-ranking members quite a lot. They immediately announced their loyalty in fear.

Jian Chen possessed supreme authority in the Tian Yuan clan. These people could ignore Xi Yu and refute her to a certain degree, but they dared not show any defiance to Jian Chen at all.

Xi Yu glanced past the two of them and frowned slightly.

She did not consider this possibility of embezzlement before because the two of them had sufficient reason to recommend the other two clans. They were very reasonable with all aspects, completely treating the development of the Tian Yuan clan as the priority. She could not refute them.

However, now that Jian Chen had spoken, she immediately developed doubts. Cold light flickered through her eyes. She knew Jian Chen was a Primordial realm expert and could look into many things. His capabilities could not be compared to Godhood cultivators. He would never mention things aimlessly. Since he had said that, he must know something she did not.

Jian Chen glanced past the two of them calmly and did not look into the matter anymore. His statement was not groundless. As they were not particularly powerful, he could vaguely see their threads of karma. Even if he could not discover everything by peering into these threads of karma, he could roughly confirm some matters.

It was impossible for an organisation to survive if it were too transparent. Not a single organisation could avoid such matters, including the Tian Yuan clan that possessed a special status on the Cloud Plane.

As a clan that could influence the entire Cloud Plane, the Tian Yuan clan naturally became a target that all organisations wanted to be on good terms with. They racked their brains and came up with everything they could to establish whatever tie they could with the Tian Yuan clan.

As a result, these members of the clan who were not particularly powerful but possessed great status, to the point where they could even influence the clan to a certain degree, had become their targets.

Humans were greedy. Basically no one could resist the temptation of great benefits.

Not to mention that the temptation they faced was the Heavenly Moon Empire.

As Jian Chen sank into his thoughts, the two people who had been doubted faced inner turmoil. They were both extremely unsettled and nervous, afraid that something would be exposed.

They had not done anything against the clan, but they had accepted some benefits from other organisations.

“Xi Yu, you can be fully responsible for these small matters. There’s no need to report to me.” In the end, Jian Chen did not choose to pursue the matter. He stood on a completely different level from them, so his perspective would be different as well. Many ancient organisations would be willing to butt heads and shed blood over the Heavenly Moon Empire, but it really did not interest Jian Chen.

As long as they did not betray the Tian Yuan clan and get in the way of the clan’s interest, Jian Chen could not be bothered to deal with these matters. He left it all to Xi Yu.

Clearly, Jian Chen favoured Xi Yu a little more out of all the high-ranking members of the clan.

Jian Chen’s word was the final word for all of them. With that, no one dared to oppose Xi Yu anymore. In the end, under Xi Yu’s insistence, the Hua clan led by the Hua brothers gained control over the Heavenly Moon Empire.

The Hua clan became the imperial family of the Heavenly Moon Empire.

They were an imperial family that had yielded to the Tian Yuan clan and served the Tian Yuan clan.

At the same time, the past ruler of the southern region, the Blood Sun Empire, faced destruction.

The two remaining ancestral emperors of the Blood Sun Empire both died in the central region, and their Infinite Primes suffered heavy casualties. Just as the imperial family was weakened, a few organisations originally suppressed by the empire banded together and directed their swords towards the empire, killing their way into the imperial palace.

The imperial family was basically completely destroyed. As the current emperor of the Blood Sun Empire, the Blood Emperor was beheaded. His head was hung high up on the city walls.

The organisations clearly made tight arrangements when they took action. Consequently, not a single member of the imperial family managed to escape. Apart from the ninth prince, they all died.

As the imperial family was ravaged, the ninth prince remained unscathed despite being right in the middle of the fighting. It was a miracle in the southern region.

“I never thought that the Blood Sun Empire, after ruling over the southern region for more than a million years, an empire known to be everlasting, would just be destroyed on a whim.”

“It’s impossible for the Tian Yuan clan to be uninvolved in the Blood Sun Empire’s destruction. Without the Tian Yuan clan’s permission, those organisations could never banded together.”

“But the Tian Yuan clan sure is strange. They actually wouldn’t take the Heavenly Moon Empire, such a juicy piece of territory, for themselves, and gave it to someone else. Who knows what they are thinking. Do you think the Tian Yuan clan will forsake the territory of the Blood Sun Empire as well?”

“What do you know? That’s called being aloof! The current Tian Yuan clan has transcended worldly attachments. They do not value fame at all, so why would they place value in these benefits?”

“Though, the ninth prince of the Blood Sun Empire sure is pitiful. He’s a complete loner. It’s said that he has already become a wanderer.”

“Right? I even recently heard that someone saw the ninth prince. His clothes were in tatters, and his hair was a mess as well. He seemed like a beggar. Sigh, the ninth prince is a powerful peak Godking after all, but he has fallen to such a level. What a pity, what a pity for him.”

Discussions about the Tian Yuan clan and the Blood Sun Empire could be heard everywhere in the southern region. They were filled with amazement and wonder.

However, most people paid attention to who would be occupying such a vast empire after the Blood Sun Empire had fallen.

The organisations that had banded together to destroy the Blood Sun Empire were all silent. No one was there to replace them either. They all occupied the imperial capital of the Blood Sun Empire, watching over it together. None of them crossed any boundaries, as if they were patiently waiting for something.

The Tian Yuan clan was peaceful as well. They did not accept the territory of the Blood Sun Empire either.

This situation created another round of discussion among the various cultivators and organisations in the southern region. The topic of the Blood Sun Empire’s fate could be heard almost anywhere. It was extremely popular.

If it were not for the secret deterrence from the Tian Yuan clan, if it were not for the organisations working together to maintain order, there would probably be many medium-sized and smaller organisations who would try to take advantage of the troubled time to get their hands on a share of the empire.

Several days later, an edict that determined the fate of the Blood Sun Empire was formally issued. However, the outcome stunned the entire southern region and even the cultivators in the other regions. They were all astounded.

The organisations that had destroyed the Blood Sun Empire announced an alliance – they would control the Blood Sun Empire together. The position of emperor would be rotated among the organisations once every hundred years.

“Why would it be like this? The Blood Sun Empire is not the Heavenly Moon Empire after all, but the Tian Yuan clan actually doesn’t want it. What is the Tian Yuan clan thinking?”

“What do you know? Let me tell you. It doesn’t matter who controls the Blood Sun Empire, as it’ll definitely be someone from the Tian Yuan clan. As a result, it doesn’t matter who the Blood Sun Empire ends up with; there’ll be a fact that remains unchanged. Its true master is the Tian Yuan clan.”

“Right? I heard that the leaders of the organisations all went to the Tian Yuan clan and even took over ninety percent of the resources from the Blood Sun Empire’s treasury with them. They’re clearly offering all these resources to the Tian Yuan clan.”

“From now onwards, the Tian Yuan clan is in charge of the southern region.”

Chapter 2653: Xi Yu’s Assassination Attempt

The Tian Yuan clan had become the undisputed ruler of the southern region. However, the Tian Yuan clan did not unite the entire region. After gaining control over the Heavenly Moon Empire and the Blood Sun Empire, they fell quiet once again. The Tian Yuan clan did not interfere with the development of the few other ancient organisations and the many divine kingdoms in the southern region either.

This did not mean that the Tian Yuan clan had no ambition. It was the exact opposite. Most members of the upper echelon were teeming with ambition. They wanted to unite the southern region and develop into the other regions. Some of them even wanted to establish branches in the central region.

With the Tian Yuan clan’s current strength and prestige, they could easily achieve that.

However, all of these suggestions for expansion were firmly turned down by Jian Chen. No one dared to object. Not only did Jian Chen’s actions confuse these members of the upper echelon, but even many cultivators and scholars of the outside world were left at a loss.

The forbidden grounds of the Tian Yuan clan was beautiful and extremely quiet. It was a sharp contrast to the front courtyard of the clan.

A water-blue divine hall stood silently in the forbidden grounds, giving off an imposing pressure.

This divine hall was the Watercloud Hall Jian Chen had obtained from the Gloomwater sect.

Jian Chen stood on top of the divine hall, peering out a window at the Tian Yuan clan as he sank into his thoughts.

“Jian Chen, is something bothering you?” Shangguan Mu’er arrived beside Jian Chen. Her voice was gentle and full of concern.

“I’m thinking about just how much longer the Tian Yuan clan’s current glory can last,” Jian Chen said with somewhat mixed emotions. He was rather worried. If his identity was exposed one day, would the Tian Yuan clan be hunted down by the entire Saints’ World?

After all, he was the successor of the twin swords, a disciple of the Sword Sect of Violet Heavens from the Immortals’ World; this was determined the moment he obtained the twin swords. This was something that could no longer be changed, nor could he refuse to accept it.

The Immortals’ World opposed the Saints’ World. The previous master of the twin swords was one of the five Grand Exalts of the Immortals’ World. When the war between the two worlds erupted last time, he had used the twin swords to kill many experts of the Saints’ World. He had already left behind deep grievances.

The people who could die to the twin swords were naturally anything but ordinary. He could say that basically any of them were existences that dominated an entire region in the Saints’ World. They were individuals with many disciples and descendants. If his identity were exposed, he could anticipate the terrifying consequences he would have to face.

“As long as you’re here, I think the Tian Yuan clan will remain glorious forever,” said Shangguan Mu’er.

“What if I’m gone?” Jian Chen sighed gently. He looked at Shangguan Mu’er, and a sliver of shame flashed through the depths of his eyes.

He suddenly felt very lost about his future path, nor did he know where Shangguan Mu’er would go if he left the Saints’ World one day.

Was she supposed to go with him to the Immortals’ World, or did she have to remain in the Saints’ World?

The situation in the Immortals’ World was unknown. No one knew what would happen to him once he went there; it was unknown whether it would be good or bad.

Back in the Neptunean Diving Palace, the clone that the Samsaric Immortal Exalt had conjured from a wisp of his soul had said, “Before you’ve become powerful, returning to the Immortals’ World rashly won’t turn out well.”

Just that short sentence disclosed far, far too much to Jian Chen.

As a result, Jian Chen did not wish for Shangguan Mu’er to continue risking her life with him in the Immortals’ World, as it was unsuitable for her to go there in the first place with her identity as the successor of the Third Ancestor.

However, if she remained in the Saints’ World, she would still be affected by him. She was the successor of the Third Ancestor, yet she had married a person from the Immortals’ World. She would definitely be condemned by all.

“If you’re not around, I’ll protect the Tian Yuan clan,” Shangguan Mu’er said firmly. She stared off into the distance, giving off an inspiring sense of determination.

Jian Chen sighed secretly. How would he be willing to let Shangguan Mu’er inherit all the burden he had to bear? He felt especially sorry when he thought of how the burden of the clan would rest on a woman like Shangguan Mu’er.

“I hope I’ll still have the chance to leave quietly. That way, it’ll be easier for Shangguan Mu’er,” Jian Chen could only pray inside.

However, it was not like he did not have a trump card. He still had the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng as a final path of retreat. However, he was uncertain whether this card would still be useful once his identity was exposed.

Boom!

At this moment, a great rumble rang out from the front of the Tian Yuan clan. Powerful energy wreaked havoc, directly tearing the discussion hall into pieces.

The suddenness of all this broke Jian Chen’s train of thought. His face immediately became ugly as he teleported over with the Laws of Space.

The front courtyard of the Tian Yuan clan had descended into darkness. This was the work of an Infinite Prime’s Laws of Darkness. Once trapped in there, even Godkings would be rendered blind.

The person who did all this was a middle-aged man in black clothes. He hid within the darkness, stabbing towards Xi Yu with a dark sword.

Xi Yu wore a god artifact armor on her, so she was protected by three layers of light. Each layer of light came from a defensive treasure and was extremely powerful. It could block an attack from a Primordial realm expert.

This was what her father, the Xi Emperor, had given her to protect her life.

But now, a small hole had appeared in the three layers of light. They had all been pierced, having been stabbed through by the middle-aged man. In the end, he left behind a deep mark on Xi Yu's armor.

The man's attack was just too powerful. After penetrating Xi Yu's three layers of defence in a single stroke, the remaining force was still beyond what the god artifact could endure. A portion of it entered Xi Yu's body.

Blood sprayed from Xi Yu's mouth as she was launched into the air. She heavily slammed into a stone wall behind her, becoming greatly injured.

Seeing how he had failed to kill Xi Yu in a single strike, pity appeared in the man's eyes. However, he did not hesitate. He did not launch a second attack and immediately retreated, hiding back into the darkness.

At the same time, a huge hand condensed from energy reached out from the depths of the Tian Yuan clan. Wherever it passed by, space would twist heavily. It shot right towards the black-clothed man with monstrous power.

Xu Ran had taken action. Before her hand had even arrived, a tremendous pressure descended first, sealing up the space around the black-clothed man.

However, Xu Ran actually failed to grab anything with that. The man had already vanished into the darkness without leaving any traces behind.

In the next moment, Xu Ran immediately expanded the senses of her soul. It enveloped the entire Pingtian Empire in an instant as she attempted to find where the man was hiding.

However, Xu Ran found nothing in the end. The man was clearly an extremely skilled assassin. He was only an Infinite Prime, but his ability to hide was extremely impressive. As a result, even someone like Xu Ran failed to discover his traces.

The Laws of Darkness that enveloped the Tian Yuan clan receded with the man's retreat. Jian Chen had arrived at a certain time when this all happened, and he was currently standing right where the man appeared last with his eyes closed, as if he was sensing for something.

Only now did the Primordial realm protectors of the Tian Yuan clan rush over, but they completely missed the assassin.

The black-clothed man moved far too quickly. His attack to his retreat had been completed in a split second. He was so fast that the experts of the Tian Yuan clan failed to react in time.

Xu Ran's figure also appeared high in the sky. She had come in person. She hovered there as she gave off a blanketing pressure.

Her expression was very ugly. An Infinite Prime had actually managed to escape under her watch, which was humiliating for her as a Chaotic Prime.

Especially when she saw the three layers of light that had been penetrated and the deep mark on the god artifact, her face became extremely sunken.

"Running won't be that easy!" It was also at this moment that Jian Chen's eyes snapped open. His eyes surge with killing intent as he immediately vanished. He arrived above a lake a hundred kilometres away instantly through the Laws of Space and stabbed out at the empty air with his Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways.

Chapter 2654: The Shadow Prince

Bang!

Immediately, a violent rumble rang out. Powerful energy surged, directly ripping through the surrounding space. Waves hundreds of metres tall were stirred up in the lake below.

Jian Chen's Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways collided with a dark sword. This was a clash between experts at the Primordial realm. Every single strike was devastating.

Their clash this time managed to throw all the water in the small lake into the air. As a result, a huge ditch replaced the rippling lake surface.

Jian Chen had forced the black-clothed man out of the space there. He glanced past Jian Chen coldly and deeply. He was shocked.

His ability to hide was almost unmatched. As long as he stayed hidden, even the senses of souls of Chaotic Primes would fail to find him.

But now, his concealing technique that he took pride in was actually useless before Jian Chen. An Infinite Prime had actually discovered his traces. He found this difficult to believe.

"It must be a coincidence," thought the black-clothed man. He forcefully suppressed his churning vital energy and retreated as quickly as he could. At the same time, the Laws of Darkness descended, instantly enveloping a range of a thousand kilometres. He vanished once again in the darkness.

Killing intent shone in Jian Chen's eyes. This time, he did not close his eyes to use the senses of his soul. Chaotic Force surged within him as the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways conjured star upon star, shining with starlight.

Jian Chen directly slashed out at the darkness.

With that, the space there immediately cracked. Under the illumination of the resplendent star light, the Laws of Darkness that filled the area receded.

The starlight seemed to purify the Laws of Darkness it came in contact with.

Of course, that was not actually what happened. Instead, Jian Chen's slash was just too powerful, surpassing the black-robed man's Laws of Darkness. Before the might of the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways, the Laws of Darkness rapidly dispersed.

Jian Chen's slash did not land right there. Instead, it shifted through the Laws of Space, landing in a region of space several dozen kilometres away.

Bang!

With a grunt, the space there trembled violently. A sword tip shining with resplendent star light swept out, and a black-clothed man immediately fell out from a mist of blood. Blood sprayed from his mouth as he was thrown backwards.

His ability to flee was just as impressive as his extreme skill at hiding. When he enveloped the surface of the lake with his Laws of Darkness earlier, he had already silently fled several dozen kilometres.

However, no matter how great at fleeing he was, he was unable to escape under Jian Chen's watch.

"How did you discover me?" Finally, the black-clothed man could not help but ask. He understood his abilities extremely well. With the various techniques he possessed, if he wanted to flee wholeheartedly, even many Chaotic Primes would fail to stop him. Now that Jian Chen had stopped him several times, he felt very perplexed.

Although he knew Jian Chen grasped the Laws of Space and could sense the minute pulses in space, his abilities would not cause any ripples in space. The Laws of Space alone would not be able to locate him with precision.

Suddenly, a powerful pressure spread out mightily. The black-clothed man immediately felt his body sink. The tremendous pressure that permeated the surroundings had suddenly immobilised him.

The black-clothed man's face changed drastically. During that short moment of delay, a Chaotic Prime had completely locked onto his presence. He was in danger.

This time, the black-clothed man no longer had a chance to flee. A huge hand fell from the sky with a chilling energy storm. It sealed the surroundings and grabbed the man in a single stroke.

Spurt! Blood sprayed from the black-clothed man's mouth. Before the energy hand, he was as feeble as an infant. Immediately, he was heavily injured. The hand also trapped him firmly, leaving him completely immobilised.

At that moment, no matter what unfathomable techniques he possessed, he no longer had the power to use them.

He could have escaped under the watch of a Chaotic Prime with his techniques if he had not been captured yet. However, his fate was out of his hands now that he had ended up in the hands of a Chaotic Prime.

"Who are you? Who sent you?" Jian Chen suddenly appeared before the black-robed man and stared at him coldly.

Afterwards, figures flickered behind him. The protectors of the Tian Yuan clan had all caught up, surrounding the black-clothed man cautiously.

The man seemed to be around forty years of age. His appearance was nothing special at all, the type that would not raise any attention if thrown into a crowd. He knew that he was doomed, but he showed no fear at all. He had accepted death.

“Tell me how you discovered me, and I’ll tell you my identity,” the black-clothed man said calmly. He did not care about death at all. He truly wanted to find out how Jian Chen had managed to find him.

He understood his techniques to hide far too well. He could understand it if he had been caught by some rather powerful Chaotic Primes, but he struggled to accept that it was an Infinite Prime.

As a result, even if he had to die, he wanted to die knowing.

“You probably don’t know I have the Laws of Space. No matter where you hide, you remain in this region of space. As long as you’re there, you can’t hide from me with your current level of cultivation,” said Jian Chen.

“Impossible. My secret technique is unlike any other. Even if you’ve comprehended the Laws of Space, you can’t find any trace of me.” The black-clothed man refused to believe it.

“Patriarch, I know who he is,” protector Xing said at this moment. His eyes twinkled as he stared right at the man’s face, studying it. “If I’ve guessed correctly, he should be the elder brother of the previous emperor of the Blood Sun Empire, the Shadow Prince.”

“The Shadow Prince is someone who hides in the dark. He basically never reveals himself in public, so there aren’t a lot of people who know him in the Blood Sun Empire. However, the Shadow Corps founded solely by the Shadow Prince is the most mysterious as well as the most powerful squadron in the Blood Sun Empire. Not only do members of the corps possess great battle prowess, but all of them are skilled in strange assassination techniques as well. They’ve always been the trump card of the Blood Sun Empire.”

“The Shadow Corps were basically uprooted by the great clans when the Blood Sun Empire was destroyed. However, they failed to find the leader of the corps, the Shadow Prince. Who would’ve known he would appear here,” said protector Xing. He had personally taken part in the destruction of the Blood Sun Empire. However, he had not acted openly, only secretly. As a result, he knew a lot.

“The Shadow Corps have been uprooted? Hmph, you are overconfident. How can the Shadow Corps personally founded by me be destroyed so easily? You only know less than half of the Shadow Corps entire force. Tian Yuan clan, what awaits you is the endless assassinations from the Shadow Corps. Hahahahaha...” The Shadow Prince laughed aloud. A transparent flame rose up from his body, and he was slowly reduced to ashes. His soul perished.

He knew he would definitely face death, so he used a secret technique to commit suicide without a second thought.

The Shadow Prince was dead, but Jian Chen’s furrowed brows would not ease up no matter what.

Protector Xing, protector Bai, protector Mei, and protector Xue were rather stern as well. The survival of the Shadow Corps would mean a constant threat to the Tian Yuan clan.

Although the corps was unable to threaten them, the Primordial realm experts, the Godhood cultivators in the clan would no longer be safe.

Chapter 2655: Influence

Jian Chen returned to the Tian Yuan clan. Currently, the clan was in a state of high vigilance, as they were ready for a possible second assassination attempt. Jian Chen made the First Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, Hei Ya, watch over Xi Yu.

Fortunately, Xi Yu had many measures to protect herself. As a result, she did not suffer any too severe wounds when the Shadow Prince personally tried to assassinate her. With some healing pills, she made a full recovery very soon.

“Sister Xi Yu, how are you? How are your wounds? Do they hurt?” Mo Yan clutched Xi Yu’s hand tightly from beside her. Mo Yan’s eyes were filled with tears as she expressed her worry and pain.

“Mo Yan, didn’t I tell you that I’m fine already? It’s only a small wound. I’ll be fine very soon.” Xi Yu smiled without minding it too much as she stretched her arms and legs casually.

Ever since she began to manage the various affairs of the Tian Yuan clan, she rarely smiled. Her face would be stern at almost all times as she dedicated herself to the clan.

She would only show this smile when she saw Mo Yan.

“Even blood sprayed from you, yet you still say you’re fine. Hmph. Once brother Jian Chen returns, I’ll definitely get him to avenge you.” Mo Yan swung her fist furiously. Just when she finished speaking, she saw Jian Chen walk in from outside. Her face immediately lit up, and she left Xi Yu’s side without any hesitation. She ran over to Jian Chen and grabbed his arm in an extremely natural manner. “Brother Jian Chen, you’ve finally returned. Did you catch the assassin? Brother Jian Chen, sister Xi Yu’s wounds were so deep. You have to avenge her.”

“Don’t worry, I’ve already avenged her. Mo Yan, you should return first. There’s something I have to talk about with your sister Xi Yu,” said Jian Chen.

“Alright then. You guys talk. I’ll come find you after you are done.” Mo Yan knew Jian Chen had important matters to discuss with Xi Yu. She was never interested in these matters, which was why she never asked about the affairs of the clan.

“The person who tried to assassinate you was a Fifth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime. He was the Shadow Prince of the Blood Sun Empire.” Jian Chen looked at Xi Yu and became rather stern. “I think that the Shadow Corps of the Blood Sun Empire still have quite a number of lingering forces. They’re skilled at assassination, and they move through the dark. They’ll probably pose quite the problem to those who leave the clan to attend to certain affairs.”

“The Shadow Prince. It’s actually him,” Xi Yu murmured softly. A gleam of vicious light flashed through her eyes, and she said, “Don’t worry, patriarch. I will handle this matter.”

Jian Chen nodded before sighing softly. "Actually, there are a lot of innocent people from the Blood Sun Empire. If there really are people like that who have managed to survive somehow, just spare them. There has already been enough blood spilt in this war that enveloped the entire plane."

Jian Chen knew that the destruction of the Blood Sun Empire was not the Tian Yuan clan's fault entirely, as the only person they truly had grievances with was the ninth prince. The destruction of the Blood Sun Empire was a result of the Four Symbols Alliance's defeat.

The Blood Sun Empire was a part of the Four Symbols Alliance. Naturally, the Blood Sun Empire would not be able to avoid the same fate once the Four Symbols Alliance was destroyed. Even if the Tian Yuan clan did nothing, the Righteous Alliance would not spare them.

It was just that the person to blame had become the Tian Yuan clan. It had become Xi Yu.

In the next few days, the Tian Yuan clan cleansed the remaining forces of the Blood Sun Empire. They basically used all the power they possessed to scour the entire southern region for traces of the Shadow Corps.

Basically all the organisations in the southern region used everything they had to cooperate with the Tian Yuan clan. They left no stone unturned in the southern region.

The Tian Yuan clan's operation this time truly demonstrated its immense influence in the southern region. With a single call, the world would respond. With a single order, no one dared to disobey.

At the same time, the revenge from the Shadow Corps truly began. Members of the Tian Yuan clan scattered across the southern region faced their assassination attempts. Members of the clan died, but people from the Shadow Corps fell in battle as well.

It was not just the Tian Yuan clan. Even the clans that controlled the Blood Sun Empire faced assassinations and suffered losses.

However, the assassinations from the Shadow Corps gradually stopped after a few days, as their targets, both the Tian Yuan clan and the clans in control of the Blood Sun Empire, were in a highly alert state. The Shadow Corps would pay a certain price whenever they were mobilised, so they suffered rather heavy losses as well.

During this time, the number of Primordial realm protectors in the Tian Yuan clan increased once again because the clan was now huge. In order to fulfil the needs for development, they were forced to recruit new protectors and Godhood cultivators to expand the clan's forces.

The Righteous Alliance had contacted Jian Chen as well. They wanted to give the northern and western regions to the Tian Yuan clan so that the Tian Yuan clan could be in control.

Behind the Tian Yuan clan was the Martial Soul lineage. The Righteous Alliance had personally witnessed the strength of the Martial Soul lineage. At the same time, they were the final victors and managed to eliminate the Four Symbols Alliance only because of the Martial Soul lineage.

As a result, the Righteous Alliance wanted to gift the western and northern regions to the Tian Yuan clan to maintain a friendly relationship.

However, Jian Chen managed to decline indirectly. He was already limiting the development of the Tian Yuan clan, so he naturally did not wish to see the clan expand into the two other regions.

Jian Chen did not care about the level of influence the Tian Yuan clan had on the Cloud Plane or the size of its territory. He only hoped the people of the Tian Yuan clan could remain gathered in one location so that he could make them retreat in the shortest amount of time possible when they needed to.

However, after Jian Chen turned down the western region, the Jinjian Empire came to visit the Tian Yuan clan. At the same time, they brought many impressive princesses, hoping to engage them to the Tian Yuan clan.

During the recent war, the Jinjian Empire of the western region had wavered, which displeased the Righteous Alliance. As soon as the war ended, the Jinjian Empire was the first to be booted from the alliance. The Righteous Alliance's attitude towards the empire led to some upheaval in the empire. Many organizations began to scheme, and they actually began to show signs of banding together and revolting.

Originally, the Jinjian Empire wanted to suppress them, but they had never thought that they would see the shadow of the Xi Empire of the northern region and the Zihao Empire of the eastern region behind these organisations. Now that these two empires were extending their paws over, the Jinjian Empire immediately became quite frightened.

Chapter 2656: Sovereign Fruit of the Dragon God

The two empires were still members of the Righteous Alliance, so they represented the Righteous Alliance to a certain extent.

In particular, the Xi Empire had a very close relationship with the Tian Yuan clan, so their backing was extremely powerful

This was why the Jinjian Empire had come to the Tian Yuan clan in such a hurry, doing all that they could to ally themselves with the Tian Yuan clan.

They knew extremely well that after they were kicked out of the Righteous Alliance, the only thing that could save their Jinjian Empire was the Tian Yuan clan.

Jian Chen did not want to worry about these ulterior motives at all, so he left it all to Xi Yu to handle. However, just when Xi Yu received the envoys from the Jinjian Empire, the Xi Empire sent over envoys as well. They ended up speaking with Xi Yu individually first.

Of all the times that the envoys from the Xi Empire could pick, they just happened to pick a time like this. As a result, the envoys from the Jinjian Empire were left unsettled and uneasy.

Jian Chen did not pay attention to the conflict between the organisations on the Cloud Plane. Instead, he remained in the forbidden grounds as he carefully inspected Nubis' wounds.

Nubis had awakened a long time ago. However, his injuries were still extremely severe. It would be very difficult for him to make a complete recovery.

Nubis sat on the ground in his human form. His face was extremely pale and haggard. He seemed sickly.

Jian Chen, Shangguan Mu'er, Qing Yixuan, and Xu Ran were all gathered there. They all frowned as the atmosphere weighed heavily.

Nubis said weakly, "Even though it would be difficult for me to recover, I would still be able to recover if I suffered these injuries under ordinary circumstances. However, I never thought that my bloodline would just happen to evolve at that time. I was heavily injured before I finished evolving, forcefully disrupting the evolution. Not only did it harm my vitality, but even my bloodline was damaged." Nubis sighed before continuing, "The evolution that I, the great Nubis, have been dreaming of will probably come to a stop here. No matter how much essence I absorb from my clansmen, I won't be able to make up for the damage to my bloodline.

"Senior Xu, you are a Chaotic Prime, someone in possession of insight and knowledge far greater than what we can ever match up to. May I ask if you know how to heal Nubis' bloodline?" Qing Yixuan asked. She and Nubis both came from the Tian Yuan continent after all, so they naturally developed a sense of closeness in this foreign land. Now that she saw that Nubis' bloodline had been damaged, and his evolution had come to a halt, she felt sympathy for him.

Jian Chen and Shangguan Mu'er both looked at Xu Ran eagerly.

Damage to the bloodline was completely different from damage to the body. There were plenty of pills that could heal bodily damage. Even for damage to the soul, they could produce heavenly resources on par with the pills. However, there was nothing they could do about damage to the bloodline.

They did not even know what kind of heavenly resource or what kind of method was required to heal damage to the bloodline.

There were far, far too few examples of damaging someone's bloodline like what Nubis suffered. It was extremely rare.

And for that reason, the method for healing damage to the bloodline was rare as well.

Xu Ran pondered seriously for a while before shaking her head gently.

Jian Chen could not help but secretly sigh after seeing that even Xu Ran was powerless. Xu Ran's origins were anything but ordinary. She was technically the Anatta Grand Exalt's grand disciple. Although she had never been recognised by the Anatta Grand Exalt, what she received was still extremely impressive. She knew many things. Since even Xu Ran did not know the method, Jian Chen's heart sank with disappointment.

"Nubis, don't worry. I'll definitely find a way to heal the damage to your bloodline so that you can keep evolving," Jian Chen swore. If Nubis' bloodline could not recover, it meant that a majority of his future accomplishments had been forcefully removed. Such a matter was difficult for any cultivator to accept.

"Master, we know something that can heal Nubis' bloodline." At this moment, the voice of one of the sword spirits rang out in Jian Chen's head again after all this time.

It came from Zi Ying. The moment the voice rang out, Jian Chen shifted his attention to the two of them.

After all this time, Jian Chen discovered that Zi Ying and Qing Suo's bodies had consolidated further. Moreover, they had become quite a lot more powerful than before.

As their strength recovered, their ability to hide became greater and greater as well. Coupled with Jian Chen's cooperation, even high level Grand Primes would struggle to discover the existence of the sword spirits if Jian Chen stood before.

"Yeah, master. Not only will this item be able to repair Nubis' damaged bloodline, but it will even allow his bloodline to change drastically, allowing him to metamorphose," said Qing Suo.

Jian Chen gathered his attention with that. He immediately asked, *"Zi Ying, Qing Suo, tell me what it is called. Where can you get it?"*

"It's called the Sovereign Fruit of the Dragon God. It's the sacred fruit of the Dragon clan. All members of the Dragon clan can make a complete recovery with it. It's basically equivalent to a second life. Of course, only members of the Dragon clan can use the Sovereign Fruit of the Dragon God. It will only be detrimental if people not from the Dragon clan ingest it."

Jian Chen was rather puzzled with that. Since only members of the Dragon clan could use the Sovereign Fruit of the Dragon God, why would it be able to heal the damage to Nubis and allow him to benefit greatly?

However, before Jian Chen could ask, the sword spirits explained, *"The path of evolution that Nubis currently walks is towards ancestral dragons. Although he's nowhere close to being a part of the Dragon clan, his bloodline has parted from the bloodline of the Golden-striped Silver Snakes after several evolutions. He's gradually approaching the bloodline of the Dragon clan. Of course, if that was it, the Sovereign Fruit of the Dragon God would still be detrimental to him. However, a fruit with Xuanhuang Qi would be a completely different case."*

"Xuanhuang Qi possesses the power of creation. As a result, if the Sovereign Fruit of the Dragon God possesses Xuanhuan Qi, not only will it be able to deal with all of Nubis' problems, but he'll even be able to benefit greatly. It will urge on the evolution of his bloodline."

"I've never heard of this fruit before, so where would we find it? Moreover, one that possesses Xuanhuang Qi," Jian Chen frowned. He was rather troubled.

"Master, you don't need to worry about this. Remember how there was an entrance to a Xuanhuang Microcosm in the sea realm within the lower world you were in before? As long as you can reach its depths, you'll definitely find a Sovereign Fruit of the Dragon God," said Qing Suo.

Jian Chen's eyes immediately lit up from that. The lower world that the sword spirits mentioned was naturally the one where the Tian Yuan Continent resided in. There was indeed an entrance to a Xuanhuang Microcosm there.

"However, that Xuanhuang Microcosm is of a very high level. There will definitely be extremely powerful Xuanhuang beasts in there. You basically won't be able to set foot in there without the strength of an Immortal Exalt," Qing Suo continued. The so-called Immortal Exalt she spoke of was equivalent to Grand Prime of the Saints' World.

Chapter 2657: News about Sacredfeather

"It's not hard to find an Immortal Exalt. I do have a very good person in mind. With that senior's strength, he'll be able to roam the Xuanhuang Microcosm uninhibited. However, the Xuanhuang

Microcosm only opens once every ten thousand years. It has only been a few hundred years since it last opened, so I probably have to wait for over nine thousand years before I can get the Sovereign Fruit of the Dragon God?" Jian Chen said.

His conversation with the sword spirits completely happened in his mind. With a single thought, he could convey a lot of information. There was no need for him to speak or let anyone else know about their conversation.

"Master, are you speaking of Mo Tianyun?" Zi Ying asked. He and Qing Suo placed a great deal of importance on Mo Tianyun.

"Yeah, senior Mo Tianyun. He's trustworthy," said Jian Chen. He was not confident about gaining battle prowess on par with Grand Primes during this period of time. Out of all the experts at that level he knew, he only trusted Mo Tianyun.

Shangguan Mu'er, Qing Yixuan, and Xu Ran saw how Jian Chen remained quiet within the Watercloud Hall, so they all thought he was in sorrow about Nubis. Unfortunately, there really was nothing that they could do about Nubis' bloodline, so the three of them remained silent as well.

At that moment, the atmosphere within the Watercloud Hall became rather heavy.

But suddenly, the Watercloud Hall began to tremble violently, and this was soon followed by a frantic warning from the artifact spirit, "Oh no, master, someone extremely powerful has intruded."

Shangguan Mu'er, Qing Yixuan, Xu Ran, and Jian Chen were all surprised. However, before they could respond, a rather young voice rang out, "Hehe, don't be nervous. I have no ill intentions for coming here. Jian Chen, have you dealt with the recent matters on the Cloud Plane?"

With that, the Heartless Child appeared silently before the four of them.

He was just too powerful. Although the Watercloud Hall was a medium quality god artifact with its artifact spirit intact, it was unable to stop him. As a result, the divine hall posed no obstruction to his forceful intrusion. The artifact spirit could only stare at him powerlessly.

Xu Ran, Qing Yixuan, and Shangguan Mu'er became cautious when they saw the Heartless Child. In particular, Xu Ran became stern.

She understood very well that no ordinary Grand Prime could intrude upon the Watercloud Hall so easily.

The child's cultivation was truly unfathomable. "So it's senior who has come to visit. Please forgive me for failing to welcome you." Jian Chen immediately clasped his fist in greeting. Although he had no idea why the Heartless Child had come looking for him, the child did save his life a few days ago after all.

"Though, may I ask why senior is concerned about whether I've dealt with the matters on the Cloud Plane? Is senior in need of me?" Jian Chen continued to ask. He felt curious and puzzled. He believed that the Heartless Child held some ulterior motives in assisting him.

"I've come for two matters. The first matter is a piece of news I bring to you. As for the second matter, it's based off the first. I want you to help me with something small," the Heartless Child said relaxedly.

“May I ask what senior needs from me? However, my strength is nothing before senior, so I may not be capable of assisting senior.” Jian Chen clasped his fist.

The Heartless Child sniggered. “Jian Chen, don’t belittle yourself. Your strength is indeed nothing before me, but you are an extremely great choice under certain circumstances.”

“You speak too greatly of me, senior.” Jian Chen was extremely modest.

“Alright, let’s not waste any time. I’ll mention what I need help with later. I’ll tell you the news now. Though, due to some reasons, it’s best if other people don’t know about this, so let’s talk elsewhere,” the Heartless Child said indifferently before waving his hand. Immediately, a powerful energy wrapped around Jian Chen. The two of them vanished.

The Heartless Child did not take Jian Chen that far away. They simply arrived in the clouds above the Tian Yuan clan.

The Heartless Child extended a finger, and the sea of clouds before him immediately pulsed. Two snow-white seats and a small, round table extended from the sea of clouds.

Whether it be the seats or the table, they were all condensed from the sea of clouds.

The Heartless Child clearly possessed a great ability to transform things. His techniques were unfathomable, and even just the furniture he condensed from the clouds was far tougher than rock.

Moreover, Jian Chen could sense the complicated power of ways circulating within the furniture, resonating with the world and abiding by some truth of order.

“Please sit.” The Heartless Child gestured towards Jian Chen. He sat down on one of the seats, and with a wave of his hand, a few pieces of spiritual fruit immediately appeared. They gave off quite a fragrance.

He picked up one of them casually and bit into it. “You should be familiar with a kid called Sacredfeather.”

“What? Sacredfeather?” Jian Chen was not particularly attentive at the very start, but he was immediately surprised when he heard the mention of Sacredfeather’s name. His eyes shone brightly, and he asked immediately, “Senior, you have news about Sacredfeather?”

Ever since Sacredfeather left, Jian Chen had received no more news about him. He had no idea how Sacredfeather was doing right now.

The vast Saints’ World was filled with danger; it was a place where slaughter could be seen anywhere. Even Primordial realm experts died regularly, so Jian Chen really was rather worried when Sacredfeather left to roam the Saints’ World as an Overgod.

After all, he and Sacredfeather were closer than ordinary friends. Jian Chen had carried Sacredfeather in his arms the moment the latter was born. He had fled for their lives, escaping the pursuit of enemies. They had gone through thick and thin together.

Even though he and Sacredfeather referred to each other as brothers, Jian Chen treated him more like a son.

He had basically raised Sacredfeather alone. That was more than enough to explain the depth of their relationship.

"I do indeed have news about him, but his current situation is not great. He's in life-threatening danger," the Heartless Child munched on his fruit as he said with a full mouth.

That seemed to trigger Jian Chen's most sensitive nerve. He leapt to his feet and said, "Senior, what has happened to Sacredfeather? Where is he right now?"

The Heartless Child glanced at Jian Chen. He was not displeased by Jian Chen's violent reaction. Instead, he secretly rejoiced. However, he showed none of it. "Calm down. Listen to me first."

"There's a miniature world called the World of the Fallen Beast in the remnants of the world where the Spiritsages came from. The Sacredfeather you care about entered the World of the Fallen Beast. Of course, there are plenty of people who go into the World of the Fallen Beast within the ruins of the world where the Spiritsages came from. It would not be a big deal if he entered that place at any other time, but he just happened to choose the wrong time. He ended up creating devastating trouble for himself."

"The World of the Fallen Beast was created upon the death of an ancient beast that had reached the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Grand Prime, one so powerful that even among the Ninth Heavenly Layer, there would be very few people that could match up to it. After countless years of evolution, the World of the Fallen Beast turned into a miniature world teeming with life."

"And the entire World of the Fallen Beast is ruled by a race called Darkstar. The Darkstar race are basically the rulers of that world. Sacredfeather has been captured by them."

Jian Chen sucked in a deep breath and slowly calmed himself down. He frowned as he remained silent. He had never heard of the World of the Fallen Beast or the Darkstar race prior to this. Now that Sacredfeather had ended up in their hands, Jian Chen became extremely worried.

Chapter 2658: The Darkstar Race

"Senior, what strength does the Darkstar race possess?" Jian Chen asked grimly. Sacredfeather had been captured and was in constant danger. This made Jian Chen very worried.

At the same time, he thought through all the experts that he knew. He pondered about how he could save Sacredfeather.

However, there was one irrefutable fact. Regardless of the price, he would save Sacredfeather.

"Regarding the strength of the Darkstar race..." The Heartless Child looked at Jian Chen mysteriously. In particular, when he saw how grim Jian Chen was, he could not help but smile for some reason. "I had no interest in learning their exact strength, but I do know about their greatest expert. He's actually also the Darkstar Emperor who rules the Darkstar race. He's a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime right now."

"What?" Jian Chen was stunned. He began to doubt his ears when he heard the strength of their strongest expert, the Darkstar Emperor.

"Senior, are you certain that their strongest member is a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime?" Jian Chen asked in disbelief.

“Do you feel very surprised? Experts in the Saints’ World are plentiful. Who knows how many Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Primes there are. If the Darkstar race was placed on the Cloud Plane, they wouldn’t even be as great as the Blood Sun Empire, so how would they be able to rule over the World of the Fallen Beast?” The Heartless Child looked at Jian Chen with a faint smile.

“It is rather surprising,” replied Jian Chen. The pressure he felt decreased drastically after he got to know the Darkstar race.

If the Darkstar race possessed a supreme expert, saving Sacredfeather might have been difficult.

However, if it were just a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, there was no need for Jian Chen to worry as much.

Of course, he knew that the Darkstar race would definitely be far more complicated than they seemed. How else could they raise the attention of an expert like the Heartless Child with that much strength.

“Don’t treat the Darkstar race as an easy target. Sure, their strongest expert is only a Ninth Heavenly Layer, but there’s almost no one who can save people from them across the Saints’ World,” said the Heartless Child.

Although Jian Chen was surprised by this, he was not too taken aback. He requested, “Senior, please elaborate.”

“The reason is very simple. There’s a condition to entering the World of the Fallen Beast, and that is a limit of a thousand years old. If people older than that want to enter the World of the Fallen Beast, they will face attacks from the world. The ancient beast that the world was created from was just too powerful when it was still alive. Even many Ninth Heavenly Layer Grand Primes would not be its opponent. Even though it’s dead now, the World of the Fallen Beast has perfectly inherited its power. There aren’t a lot of people who can endure the attacks in the current Saints’ World.”

“Moreover, that is only the first of many dangers. The most terrifying danger comes later...” As if it were a taboo topic, the Heartless Child did not go into too much detail. “Anyway, even some Ninth Heavenly Layer Grand Primes are unwilling to intrude upon the World of the Fallen Beast. The only way in is by following its rules.”

“A thousand years... a thousand years... Just how many people can break through to Infinite Prime in a thousand years? As a result, even though the Darkstar Emperor is only a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, no one aside from Grand Exalts can threaten them given the protection of the rules of that world.”

“Moreover, even if there are supreme prodigies who break through to the Primordial realm in a thousand years, they definitely won’t be the Darkstar Emperor’s opponent. The Darkstar Emperor is also a supreme prodigy, possessing monstrous talent and an impressive legacy. His battle prowess has already surpassed the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime, reaching the level of Chaotic Primes.”

“As a result, ever since the Darkstar race went against the ways and changed their fate, no one who could enter the World of the Fallen Beast would be the Darkstar Emperor’s opponent.”

“Went against the ways and changed their fate? Senior, may I ask what you mean by that?” Jian Chen asked in confusion.

The Heartless Child clearly intended to let Jian Chen learn a little more about the Darkstar race, so he did not hold back regarding Jian Chen's questions. "This goes back to a very long time ago. A long time ago, the Darkstar race had also been a supreme race in the Spirits' World. A sovereign had appeared for them during their most glorious times. It was also because of the sovereign that the Darkstar race enjoyed unprecedented prosperity, becoming one of the existences that no one dared to provoke in the Spirits' World."

The Heartless Child's voice was filled with amazement, as if he felt some admiration towards the strength of the Darkstar race back then. Especially when he mentioned 'sovereign', undisguised yearning, eagerness, and a hint of fear appeared in his eyes.

The so-called sovereign was naturally a Grand Exalt, as only Grand Exalts who had comprehended a way to the limit and truly grasped it entirely were worthy of that title.

"However, no matter how glorious a race is, there will be a day when they decline. Even sovereigns will have a day where they die. Afterwards, the sovereign from the Darkstar race died, and their prosperity came to an end. Without a sovereign, the Wood Spirits that had always opposed the Darkstar race finally took action."

"The Wood Spirits were also a supreme organisation in the Spirits' World. They were not weaker than the Darkstar race when they were at their prime. They also possessed a sovereign, except when the sovereign of the Darkstar race existed, they were equally matched, so there had not been any major conflicts between the two races. No one would have the upper hand once a war broke out."

"After the sovereign of the Darkstar race died, the Wood Spirits finally moved against the Darkstar race. They slaughtered all their experts in an unstoppable manner such that the Darkstar race almost became extinct. In the end, a small fraction of the Darkstar race hid in the World of the Fallen Beast."

"The World of the Fallen Beast was actually the handiwork of the sovereign from the Darkstar race. He slayed the ancient beast when he was still alive, refining it into a world and setting up some arrangements inside. He turned it into a place for the Darkstar race to seek refuge. At the same time, he set down the conditions of entry, which is the limit of age."

"Perhaps due to the arrangements of the sovereign from the Darkstar race, or perhaps the sovereign of the Wood Spirits was benevolent and did not want to destroy the Darkstar race completely. However, regardless of the reason, he did not lay his hands on the World of the Fallen Beast in the end. Though, the sovereign of the Wood Spirits did leave behind a sliver of his will in there."

Chapter 2659: Two Matters

"The will of a sovereign is the laws of the world, a form of order. The sovereign of the Wood Spirits personally set down laws in the World of the Fallen Beast. These laws sealed the Darkstar race in there for all of eternity and limited their cultivation so that they could only reach Godking at most and never the Primordial realm. Regardless of the greatness of their prodigies, they would never be able to break free from this curse."

"As a result, not a single Primordial realm expert appeared among the Darkstar race for a very long time. Godking was the end of their cultivation. Clearly, the Darkstar race was unwilling to simply accept this.

Over the countless years, they had always been doing everything that they could to break free from the laws set down by the sovereign of the Wood Spirits.”

“After generations upon generations of effort, they finally managed to make the laws waver. They paid a huge price to chip away a tiny portion, allowing them to break free from the curse that prevented them from reaching the Primordial realm.”

“However, they could only break through to Infinite Prime. The Ninth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime became the final point in their cultivation.”

Jian Chen finally understood a little with that. At the same time, his knowledge regarding the Darkstar race became clearer. “Senior, has the Darkstar race captured Sacredfeather because of the laws set down by the sovereign of the Wood Spirits?”

“That’s right. After so many years of preparation, the Darkstar race is finally ready to act once again. Sacredfeather was captured exactly because of this matter. According to the information I possess, it seems like Sacredfeather’s bloodline is rather special. It relates to the chances of success for the Darkstar race in opposing the will of the Wood Spirits’ sovereign and changing their fate.”

“However, it doesn’t matter whether they succeed or not. As long as the Darkstar race attempts it, Sacredfeather will surely die,” said the Heartless Child.

“But Sacredfeather is only at Godhood. How can he influence a sovereign’s will?” Jian Chen asked with a frown.

The Heartless Child laughed. “Sacredfeather is only a medium. What really will be opposing the will isn’t Sacredfeather, but the power of the World of the Fallen Beast and a portion of the arrangements left behind by the sovereign of the Darkstar race. However, these two powers aren’t under the direct control of the Darkstar race, so they need to employ some special method to direct them into opposing the will.”

Jian Chen remained silent after listening to the Heartless Child’s explanation. He carefully combed through the information about the Darkstar race and gradually came to a realisation. He then asked, “That should be the first matter for why senior is looking for me. May I ask what the second matter is?”

The Heartless Child’s eyes suddenly shone with a chilling light. He stared right at Jian Chen and said gradually, “The second matter is that I want you to stop the Darkstar race’s ceremony. Out of all the prodigies I know throughout the entire Saints’ World, only you have a chance at completing this task.”

He was correct. Across the vast Saints’ World, no one else apart from Jian Chen could complete this task.

Stopping the ceremony meant opposing the entire Darkstar race or even opposing the Darkstar Emperor. With the Darkstar Emperor’s cultivation as a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime and his battle prowess as a supreme prodigy, he was equivalent to a Chaotic Prime. No other prodigy below the age of a thousand years could deal with someone like that.

A gleam of light shone through Jian Chen’s eyes. He asked, “Does the Myriad Bone Guild have grievances with the Darkstar race?”

“There’s no need for you to probe into that. Jian Chen, I just want to know whether you’re willing to help me out with this.” The Heartless Child was stern. Clearly, he cared about this very much.

Jian Chen stared at the Heartless Child sternly and said, “Even if senior had not saved me earlier, I still would have paid a visit to the Darkstar race just over the matter of Sacredfeather. Since the Darkstar race wants to kill Sacredfeather, I naturally have a grievance with them.”

The Heartless Child laughed. He understood what Jian Chen was trying to say very well. It did not matter whether he had grievances with the Darkstar race. As long as they wanted to do anything to Sacredfeather, he would never spare them.

At the same time, the Heartless Child was completely confident that if Sacredfeather really died at the hands of the Darkstar race, the entire clan would have to bear Jian Chen’s devastating wrath.

That would be a great disaster for the Darkstar race.

The Heartless Child knew that the current Jian Chen might not be able to defeat the Darkstar Emperor. However, once he approached the age limit for entry of a thousand years, the Darkstar Emperor would never be Jian Chen’s opponent.

As a peak assassination organisation in the Saints’ World, not only did the Myriad Bone Guild possessed great strength, but they also possessed an extremely great grasp over information. Ever since Jian Chen garnered the Heartless Child’s attention, the Myriad Bone Guild had completely investigated Jian Chen. Even though it was impossible for them to find out all his secrets, the Myriad Bone Guild had grasped most of what he went through in the Saints’ World.

That included how he had been saved by the daughter of the patriarch of the Mo clan, Mo Yan, when he first appeared in the Saints’ World.

“In such a short amount of time, Jian Chen went from being a Deity to a level like this. If he is given another five hundred years, who knows what level he’ll reach. He possesses unprecedented talent. What a pity, what a pity,” thought the Heartless Child. As if he knew what Jian Chen’s final fate would be, he felt great regret.

“Senior, there’s one matter I’m unsure about, so I hope that you could explain,” Jian Chen said again. Today, he had learnt about many matters that he had previously never touched on from the Heartless Child. The more he knew, the more questions he had as well.

“Tell me what it is. As long as I can let you know, I won’t hold back at all.” Now that the Heartless Child had fulfilled the reason for his visit, his mood was great. It was as if he would not hide anything from Jian Chen as long as his questions did not touch on some secrets.

“Senior mentioned before that the Wood Spirits and the Darkstar race both had Grand Exalts. Are there any other Grand Exalts apart from those two?” Jian Chen asked.

“The Spirits’ World is a large world on the same level as the Saints’ World after all. They would naturally have more than two Grand Exalts. However, ever since the Spirits’ World was destroyed, they never gave birth to another Grand Exalt. Of course, that also has to do with the surviving races who have left the Spirits’ World, combining into the Spiritsages and settling down in the Saints’ World. The Saints’

World isn't their world. They naturally can't comprehend the ways completely and become a Grand Exalt by cultivating in a foreign world away from their home," said the Heartless Child.

"In other words, it's very likely to find undiscovered legacies of Grand Exalts in the ruins of the Spirits' World." Jian Chen's eyes twinkled slightly. He was in urgent need of ten droplets of essence blood from Grand Exalts to obtain the Primeval Divine Hall. If the ruins of the Spirits' World truly possessed remaining legacies of Grand Exalts, he would not mind scouring the place closely.

The Heartless Child glanced at Jian Chen deeply and said, "Don't even think about a Grand Exalt's legacy. Those aren't things you can find just by looking for them. It depends on luck. Even if you find one, you might not be able to obtain it."

Jian Chen smiled resplendently. He did not want the legacies. He wanted the essence blood because he knew it was very unlikely for him to obtain a legacy. He had discovered the location of the ancient Skywolf's legacy in the past, but he only obtained a part of the fortune available. The true legacy belonged to the Wolf clan.

"Go back and prepare. I'll personally take you to the ruins of the Spirits' World tomorrow. However, there's something I need to warn you about. Don't take a single item that has reached the God Tier into the World of the Fallen Beast, including all your god artifacts and God Tier pills." After that final warning, the Heartless Child vanished from before Jian Chen, leaving him sitting alone above the clouds.

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"I can't bring in any god artifacts or God Tier pills?" What the Heartless Child said towards the end made Jian Chen frown. Did that mean he could not even use the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways?

The Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways was his only weapon, as well as the sword that suited him the most. Without the sword, his battle prowess would decrease significantly.

Jian Chen returned to the Tian Yuan clan and began to tidy through everything on him, preparing to enter the World of the Fallen Beast.

He had many God Tier pills and various weapons and armor on him. Just the low quality god artifacts amounted to over thirty. Even in terms of medium quality god artifacts, he possessed six apart from the Watercloud Hall. He also had countless other God Tier heavenly resources.

He had obtained all of these items from the war this time. They basically all came from dead Grand Primes and Chaotic Primes.

Of course, this was not the complete wealth of the Grand Primes. Jian Chen had only obtained a tiny portion.

After all, not all of the spoils of war went to him.

However, even with that being the case, Jian Chen was wealthy enough to make many Chaotic Primes envious. Even a few Grand Primes would be jealous.

"I'll leave all these god artifacts, pills, and cultivation resources in the Tian Yuan clan. I prepared these for the Tian Yuan clan in the first place, so they'll be distributed to the meritorious members of the clan sooner or later. I just don't know what to do with the fortune jade. The value of the fortune jade is truly

immeasurable. After all, only the Anatta Grand Exalt possesses a piece this large. I'm probably the second person to have something like this. I don't think it'll be safe to leave something so valuable in the Tian Yuan clan." Jian Chen became rather troubled when he thought of the fortune jade. It was just too valuable. Once it was exposed, probably even sovereigns of the world would come to fight for it. The only way for him to not worry was to have it by his side.

The Anatta Grand Exalt possessed a piece of fortune jade that was around the same size. He had even witnessed its projection on the ninth floor of the Anatta Tower before. It was basically identical in size, except one was round, while the other was rectangular.

Moreover, that piece of fortune jade was one of the three treasures of the Anatta Grand Exalt. It stood alongside the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng and the Anatta Tower, which was more than enough to demonstrate its value.

"It looks like I can only place the fortune jade in a normal Space Ring. Otherwise, I won't be able to take it into the World of the Fallen Beast with me." Jian Chen sighed gently. The fortune jade was so precious, yet it had to be placed in an ordinary Space Ring. If others heard about this, who knows how many people would puke blood in anger.

However, he had no other choice. He could not refine the fortune jade, so he was naturally unable to stow it inside his body.

However, the fortune jade was extremely special. No one could discover its existence with the senses of their souls. It was only visible to the naked eye. As a result, even if he placed it in an ordinary Space Ring, no one could discover it unless the Space Ring ended up in the hands of someone else.

Of course, the various limitations of the World of the Fallen Beast were useless to the fortune jade. The rules restricted all god artifacts and God Tier heavenly resources, but not the fortune jade.

That was because the fortune jade basically surpassed all the god artifacts he knew of so far. It had surpassed the limitations of the World of the Fallen Beast.

It could not be treated as a god artifact. Instead, it had to be viewed as a wondrous treasure produced by the world. It held the power of nature, making it a treasure of fortune.

Afterwards, Jian Chen entered the Watercloud Hall. In an open space within the divine hall, the Immortal Devouring Orchid rapidly increased its strength. Several Space Rings were quietly lying in its surroundings.

The Space Rings naturally held the 'nourishment' Jian Chen had prepared for it.

Jian Chen arrived before the Immortal Devouring Orchid and placed his hand on a huge petal gently. He gave off a mental pulse, communicating with the Immortal Devouring Orchid.

"I can't take you with me this time. Increase your strength here in peace. I hope that you can give me a great surprise when I return."

This was what Jian Chen conveyed to the Immortal Devouring Orchid. It was unable to assist him in any shape or form right now, so he did not plan on bringing it with him.

However, the Immortal Devouring Orchid had never disappointed him. In the short amount of time he had possessed the orchid, it had grown to Infinite Prime. It grew so fast that it astounded Jian Chen.

As a matter of fact, Jian Chen even suspected that the Immortal Devouring Orchid would reach Chaotic Prime faster than him.

Afterwards, Jian Chen left the Watercloud Hall and stayed with Shangguan Mu'er. When she learnt that Jian Chen was about to go on a journey, she became extremely reluctant to part with him. However, she also knew that Jian Chen definitely had something important to attend to, so she did not stop him.

Jian Chen did nothing else that night. He spent the entire time with Shangguan Mu'er passionately, all the way until the morning.

The Heartless Child arrived at the Tian Yuan clan on time the next morning. His arrival meant that Jian Chen's time in the Tian Yuan clan had formally come to an end. He was about to venture to an extremely distant place.

It was so distant that he would leave the Saints' World and go to a major world that had once been as prosperous as the Saints' World.

Afterwards, Jian Chen bid farewell to everyone. He handed over a few simple matters regarding the clan's future development to Xi Yu before leaving the Cloud Plane with the Heartless Child.

When he departed, he left almost everything he usually carried around with him in the Tian Yuan clan, aside from the fortune jade. He left behind the Watercloud Hall, only taking an ordinary Space Ring and a few divine crystals.

The Watercloud Hall became an authoritative symbol of the Tian Yuan clan. Under Jian Chen's insistence and to prevent future assassination attempts, all the important members of the clan settled down within the divine hall.

The Watercloud Hall became the safest place in the Tian Yuan clan.

In the vast cosmos, the Heartless Child personally hurried along with Jian Chen. They did not use any teleportation formations. With the Heartless Child's cultivation level, he was even faster than teleportation formations.

He wrapped Jian Chen in a thick layer of energy as he seemed to stroll through the stars with his small, short legs at a leisurely pace.

However, whenever he took a step, the surrounding landscape would change drastically. It seemed like he was striding through worlds, where he could cross an extremely great distance with each step.

Every single step from the Heartless Child would be equivalent to decades, centuries, or even over a millenia's worth of travel by spatial battleship.