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Chapter 2691: Exposure of Ability

Jian Chen's voice was filled with killing intent. It did seem a little like an adult harassing children when he stooped to the level of these measly Godkings. It did not match his identity much at all.

However, every person had a temper, and they could lose it. Chu Jie's actions had clearly crossed Jian Chen's bottom line.

If it were just some petty matters, Jian Chen would not be bothered at all. However, since it was about respect and dignity, it was no longer petty.

The dignity of Primordial realm experts could not be impinged on.

Jian Chen raised Chu Jie into the air by the neck. Chu Jie struggled desperately with his feet. He also tried to pry away Jian Chen's hands instinctively, but he just seemed so powerless before Jian Chen with his cultivation at early Godking.

Moreover, Jian Chen had restricted him with a great power as he gripped Chu Jie's neck. Under the restriction, Chu Jie's movement was unaffected, but he had lost control of the power within his body.

At that moment, the surroundings fell silent completely. Jian Chen had moved just too suddenly, so fast that many of the prodigies present were unable to react. All of the prodigies stared at the struggling Chu Jie who had been lifted off his feet by his neck in shock. Their heads had blanked out.

In their opinion, Chu Jie was not one of the particularly powerful Godkings, but he was still a Godking nonetheless. However, he was actually so flimsy before an independent cultivator who was also a Godking. He was so frail. It had completely overturned their prior beliefs.

He Qianqian was surprised as well. She thought about how even if she used her full strength, she would not be able to grab Chu Jie so effortlessly. As a matter of fact, it would take quite some effort for her to defeat him.

Yet, the Yang Yutian who had always maintained a low profile by her side had caught Chu Jie right from the start. He even seemed to have done so leisurely. Clearly, it took him no effort.

"How did Yang Yutian suddenly become so powerful? He's definitely no ordinary Godking." He Qianqian was shocked.

"Yang Yutian is actually so powerful, and from his appearance, he doesn't seem to be using his full strength. Good. In somewhere as dangerous as the Two World Mountains, we need powerful people like him. The more people like him we have, the more likely we are to emerge from the Two World Mountains alive." Jin Hong was surprised as well. He stared at Jian Chen and became slightly excited.

"Stop, Yang Yutian. What are you doing? Hurry up and release Chu Jie." At this moment, a prodigy on good terms with Chu Jie returned to his senses and immediately bellowed out. Several dozen sacrificial Godkings surrounded Jian Chen in an instant.

Perhaps due to being deterred by the strength Jian Chen had suddenly displayed, the prodigy and his people dared not stand too close to Jian Chen when they surrounded him. The prodigy stood behind his guards.

However, he still did not seem to feel safe enough. He immediately called out to the crowd, “Gong Ruize, Zhao Wenbin, Kong Feiyin, our brother is being harrassed, so why don’t you stand forward for him?”

With that, three other prodigies immediately stood forward from the crowd. They all surrounded Jian Chen with some of their own guards.

“Yang Yutian, release Chu Jie immediately and apologise to him. Otherwise, it won’t be our fault when we gang up on you...”

“He’s a mere independent cultivator, yet he’s so arrogant. In my opinion, not only will he have to apologise, but he’ll need to sever his own arm as well. Otherwise, he’ll have to die here today...”

“Chu Jie is our sworn brother. If you dishonour him, you dishonour us, and anyone who dishonours us will die—”

The three prodigies were extremely haughty. Even though Jian Chen’s strength had exceeded all of their expectations, they were still prodigies from peak clans in the Saints’ World after all. They were nurtured by Primordial realm experts since they were young, so their knowledge and insight were extraordinary. They had seen their share of experts before, so the strength Jian Chen had displayed was obviously not enough to frighten them.

Of course, their greatest source of confidence were the sacrificial soldiers they had brought with them from the outside world.

“Although we don’t have any experts from our clans to protect us in the World of the Fallen Beast, once the sacrificial soldiers fall into formation, even some weaker Infinite Primes will struggle against them, let alone Godkings.” The prodigies were all confident. Against Life-devouring Beasts, they would be suppressed by the beasts’ ability to devour life, limiting the advantages of the sacrificial soldiers drastically. However, there was nothing to worry about against cultivators.

With their interference, He Qianqian’s face changed. If it were only the Chu family, she would be able to hold them off, but now that four other large organisations had shown up, she felt rather helpless.

Surrounded by over a hundred Godkings, Jian Chen remained composed. He said coldly, “You slow-witted lot. Since you are asking to be disgraced, I’ll give you what you want.” With that, he tossed Chu Jie aside like a dead dog. Chu Jie knocked down three trees before landing on the ground. All of his joints had almost been dislocated, and he struggled to stand up again.

Jian Chen immediately vanished, appearing before the four prodigies who stood behind their guards. He raised his hand and dealt out four slaps.

Slap! Slap! Slap! Slap!

With the four crisp sounds, the four prodigies suffered the same fate as Chu Jie. They had been slapped away mercilessly, with half their faces reduced to a bloody pulp. The guards they had brought were basically useless.

“Yang Yutian, y- y- ptui, you actually hit us...” A prodigy struggled to his feet and spat out a mouthful of blood and shattered teeth. He pointed at Jian Chen with a trembling hand as his eyes turned bloodshot like a wild beast.

“That’s impossible. We’re both Godkings, so how did he knock me away in a single strike? I couldn’t even react.” The three other prodigies were much calmer. They closely recalled what had happened earlier. As they felt humiliated, they also broke out in cold sweat.

“Oh no, protect the young master...”

“Everyone, kill that person...”

At the same time, bellows rang out from among the sacrificial soldiers. All of them began to move, drawing supreme quality saint artifacts as they charged at Jian Chen.

“Reckless.” Jian Chen snorted coldly. He formed a sword with his finger, and immediately, a silver-white stream shot out. He had condensed a sword from a simple strand of sword Qi.

He waved his sword, and a crescent sword Qi immediately shot out. Wherever it passed by, the space distorted and pulsed.

Under the pulsing of space, the sword Qi suddenly erupted in speed, travelling several times faster. It passed through eight Godkings at an unbelievable pace.

The eight Godkings only felt their waists scream out in agony. In the next moment, their bodies separated. They had been bisected along their waist.

However, they were not dead. As long as their souls remained intact, they could recover from flesh wounds.

Jian Chen clearly had no intentions of killing them. He had only injured them and did not target their souls.

“Fall into formation!” Having witnessed Jiann Chen’s strength, the other guards reacted immediately. They quickly gathered together and prepared a formation.

Chapter 2692: Catching Jin Hong’s Attention

Seeing how seriously the situation had developed, He Qianqian became extremely stern. However, she knew that she could not allow Jian Chen to continue acting recklessly like this, or the situation would develop beyond control.

Moreover, this was the Two World Mountains. Danger lurked around every corner. They did not even know whether they could get out of here alive. At a time like this, they needed everyone to stand united. They could not afford any internal strife.

“Our Heavenly Crane clan was the one who brought Yang Yutian on this expedition. As long as we are still in the Two World Mountains, Yang Yutian is a member of our Heavenly Crane clan. I need to stop it here, or once things spiral out of control, it’ll be difficult for me to explain it to the great elder after I get out.” He Qianqian made up her mind. Just when she wanted to stand forward and risk offending the prodigies of the several large clans, Jin Hong’s voice rang out in her head, “Hold on. Let’s wait and see.”

“Young master Jin Hong, if you continue to do nothing, the consequences will only become worse,” He Qianqian replied.

“It’s not an issue. Holding back their five clans is a piece of cake. I want to see Yang Yutian’s strength,” Jin Hong refuted calmly. His focus remained on Jian Chen as he added, “Yang Yutian has hidden himself very well. He had always been holding onto all his cards, even behaving like he was nothing special against the Life-devouring Beasts. He was so ordinary that even I ignored him. Only now have I discovered just how powerful he actually is. Moreover, I don’t even think this is his full strength.”

Surprise flashed through He Qianqian’s eyes. She had never thought the Godking she recruited would be so capable. If Jin Hong were right, that would mean Yang Yutian was much stronger than her.

With Jin Hong speaking out, He Qianqian immediately became less worried.

Jin Hong stared straight at Jian Chen. Surprise appeared in his eyes from time to time as he thought, “When I approached Yang Yutian earlier, the power of my bloodline actually roused uncontrollably. What does Yang Yutian possess that can actually influence my bloodline?”

Jian Chen’s battle against the sacrificial soldiers formally began to the other side.

The Godkings had all received special training, raised for the purpose of battle. At this crucial moment, they unleashed everything they had learnt in the past. With a single order, forty-six Godkings stood in a special order, creating a large formation in an extremely short amount of time.

The formation poured together the power of the sixty-four people. It was so powerful that even peak Godkings would face life-threatening danger against it. It could even kill peak Godkings.

The formation was not particularly effective against Life-devouring Beasts, as any Life-devouring Beast that could force them to use it would be powerful and would be able to drain their life force before the beast had gotten anywhere close to them. However, the full might of the formation was unleashed against other cultivators.

Any formation would require a certain amount of time to create. Despite having gone through repetitive training, the sacrificial Godkings required a few seconds. Why would Jian Chen just watch them create their formation?

Even after the formation was created, they still would not pose any threat to Jian Chen, but it would force him to expose even more of his strength. He obviously did not want to end up in such a situation.

Jian Chen extended his finger several times, and resplendent sword Qi shot out each time. Each strand of sword Qi was under the influence of the Laws of Space whenever they shot out, allowing them to move extremely quickly, almost like they were teleporting. They were much faster than the Godkings’ reactions, so it arrived before the sacrificial soldiers in the blink of an eye.

Spurt! Spurt! Spurt! Spurt...

The sword Qi penetrated the foreheads of a few Godkings, killing them off on the spot as they tried to fall into formation. Jian Chen ended their lives mercilessly.

As a result of their deaths, the powerful formation was interrupted before it could even be created.

“Yang Yutian can actually use the Laws of the Sword and the Laws of Space to such an unbelievable level. His strength has already surpassed most of the prodigies here...”

“The Laws of the Sword is one of the laws with the greatest offensive power, while the Laws of Space can allow him to overcome the issue of distance. With that combination, just how many of us are his opponent, even if we’re also Godkings...”

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The expressions of the surroundings prodigies changed. None of them could remain calm. Their opinions of Jian Chen underwent a drastic change, as the strength that Jian Chen displayed had surpassed most of them.

Not only did this nameless independent cultivator reach Godking within a thousand years like everyone else, but he was even much stronger. It gave these prodigies who were nurtured since young by their clans quite a horrible feeling.

“Yang Yutian must have received an outstanding legacy. A mere Infinite Prime’s legacy is nowhere near enough for him to grow to such an astonishing level.” He Qianqian was taken aback as well.

“Quick, use the Eight Absolute Killing Formation!”

Seeing how the larger formation could not be completed, the sacrificial Godkings shifted and formed groups of eight, creating a different formation instead.

This time, due to the smaller groups, it took them much less time to fall into formation. They completed it almost immediately. In that moment, seven Eight Absolute Killing Formations arose and pulsed with energy.

In the next moment, seven powerful streams of energy shot out from the formations, surging towards Jian Chen with great might as the prodigies reacted.

“The Eight Absolute Killing Formation is enough to threaten mid Godkings. As a matter of fact, ordinary mid Godkings would suffer before the formation, let alone the fact that there are seven of them. Yang Yutian is probably done for...”

“I wonder if Yang Yutian can stop the Eight Absolute Killing Formations. If he can, he’s just too terrifying...”

“The strength that Yang Yutian has displayed isn’t particularly clear. He seems like an early Godking, yet he is also like a mid Godking. But he’s definitely not a late Godking. No matter what his strength is, he’ll suffer even if he survives...”

“You never know. Maybe Yang Yutian has some trump card that he hasn’t used yet. I refuse to believe he doesn’t have a powerful battle skill or two...”

All of the prodigies observed things from the surroundings like they were watching a show. They indicated that they would not interfere with the battle or help anyone.

Jian Chen finally became stern before the seven formations. Of course, this was all an act for the prodigies so that he would not appear to be overly powerful.

Afterwards, he formed a hand seal, and a powerful sword Qi sprang up from his body. He bellowed, “Daluo— Sword—”

Immediately, the tremendous might of the world descended. Golden light rose up, condensing into seven strands of resplendent, golden sword Qi.

Jian Chen had stopped using this move a long time ago. It was the Daluo Sword.

Due to it being at too low of a grade, it was already useless to him because he was at the Primordial realm, which was why Jian Chen had stopped using it. However, at a time like this, it was perfect for him to fake the Daluo Sword as a powerful battle skill; he could use it to explain why his battle prowess had suddenly erupted.

The seven strands of sword Qi crossed through the air with a flash; they were like seven galaxies, colliding with the streams of energy from the formations.

With a deafening rumble, the streams of energy were bisected by the golden sword Qi. The sword Qi seemed unstoppable, tearing through whatever blocked its way. After slicing through the energy, they landed on the formations mercilessly.

Blood spurted from the mouths of all the Godkings in the formations, and they were sent flying like fallen leaves. They were heavily injured.

To the other side, Jian Chen stood unscathed. Only his face was slightly pale.

Of course, the paleness was an act as well; it was just to show everyone that it was extremely burdensome to use the Daluo Sword.

Chapter 2693: Settling Down

The surroundings were silenced. Not only had Jian Chen’s great display of might by dispersing seven Eight Absolute Killing Formations alone stunned all of the prodigies present, but even a few of the sacrificial Godkings who were about to charge towards Jian Chen were shocked.

Immediately, the several hundred remaining sacrificial soldiers began to hesitate. They all looked at Jian Chen warily and fearfully.

They were sacrificial soldiers, but that did not mean they could not feel fear, dread, and so on. Apart from a life span of just a hundred years, they were no different from ordinary people.

“You bunch of idiots, what’re you standing there for? Go get him together! Kill him! I want him dead without a corpse! Tear him to pieces...” Chu Jie climbed to his feet from under a tree several hundred metres away. With a vicious expression, he bellowed at the sacrificial soldiers of the Chu family.

“People of the Cangqiong clan, listen up. Go get him together! Reduce Yang Yutian to nothing...” Kong Feiying also bellowed out.

“What humiliation, oh what a disgrace! Yang Yutian, how dare you treat me like this? All sacrificial soldiers of the Gong clan, kill Yang Yutian...” Gong Ruize also screeched furiously.

“Yang Yutian, no one can save you today. If the Heavenly Crane clan wants to save you, I’ll destroy the Heavenly Crane clan first...”

“It has always been us who were allowed to harass others. Who dares to harass us? You’re a mere independent cultivator, yet you’re so arrogant. Yang Yutian, I will never spare you today. From now onwards, our Yuqiong sect, Zhao clan, Gong clan, Cangqiong clan, and Chu family will be forming an alliance. Whoever stands in our way of killing Yang Yutian will be an enemy of our five organisations.”

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The prodigies from the five clans were furious. They were all brimming with killing intent as they looked at Jian Chen venomously. They were tempted to tear Jian Chen into pieces.

They had been utterly humiliated in public. How could these five prodigies who had grown up in peak organisations with great status endure something like that. If the person who had humiliated them was Jin Hong instead, they would actually feel a little better, as both Jin Hong’s strength and background were greater than them, making him someone they could not afford to offend.

However, Jian Chen was a mere independent cultivator, which made the circumstances differ vastly.

These prodigies looked down on independent cultivators from the bottom of their hearts. Even if it were a slightly more powerful independent cultivator, they would still be nothing in their eyes. With the prodigies’ statuses, they could summon a Primordial realm expert on their whim to easily crush the independent cultivator.

“I’ve already shown mercy. If you keep being stubborn, don’t blame me if you end up dead.” Jian Chen’s eyes turned cold, and with a swing of his hand, a sword appeared, shining brightly.

The sword was a supreme quality saint artifact. He had specially prepared it for the World of the Fallen Beast.

“Look, Yang Yutian has already drawn his saint artifact...”

“He has fought for so long, yet Yang Yutian hasn’t even drawn a weapon. He has been fighting empty-handed. I thought he didn’t have a saint artifact that suited him but, but never did I think he was hiding it the whole time. He has only drawn it now...”

“That sword has probably reached the peak of supreme grade saint artifacts, making it only worse than god artifacts. Maybe you can already call it half a god artifact...”

“He was actually even hiding a supreme quality saint artifact equivalent to half of a god artifact. Yang Yutian wasn’t using his full strength earlier...”

“Yang Yutian is far too powerful. I really don’t know how he can grow to such an astonishing level as an independent cultivator. None of us can match him...”

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The faces of the observing prodigies changed. Many of them stared at the sword in Jian Chen’s had, and their fear deepened.

He Qianqian remained in a daze. Jian Chen had torn through the formations from several dozen Godkings all alone, which was far too much of a shock to her.

She knew that even she herself did not possess the ability to do that.

The strength that Jian Chen had displayed right now completely surpassed her own.

“Get him together! Some of you, keep Yang Yutian busy, while the others all fall into formation. Kill him...” The five prodigies ordered together to another side. They were extremely confident that they could kill Jian Chen. Jian Chen’s threats were ignored by them.

This time, all the sacrificial soldiers that belonged to the five organisations set off. It was no longer a few dozen but a few thousand.

The sacrificial soldiers swallowed their fear towards Jian Chen and immediately split into two groups. Some of them directly charged towards Jian Chen to keep him busy, while the others began to assemble into formations.

Each formation was composed of several hundred Godkings. Their might had surpassed the boundary of Godkings.

“All of you stop! This matter ends here. Anyone who strikes out will be executed on the spot!” At this moment, a bellow rang out. It was thunderous, deafening many people. Even the ground trembled. It also sounded like the howl of an ancient wolf god, possessing the power to stun one’s soul. The souls of the several thousand sacrificial soldiers all jolted, and they blanked out.

Jin Hong stepped forward from the ground. He did not give off any astonishing presence, remaining as ordinary as before. He walked over slowly, heading right towards the sacrificial soldiers.

Even though he did not give off any particular aura, his appearance made the Godkings feel like they were facing a towering mountain. All of them could not help but back off.

Hu Jie, Zhao Wenbin, Kong Feiyang, Gong Ruize, and Zhou Zhi, the people who had been disgraced by Jian Chen, all changed in expression. They suppressed their sense of resentment, which made their faces warp a little.

“Young master Jin Hong, do you plan on interfering with the matters of our five organisations? We’ve already announced earlier that anyone who tries to save Yang Yutian will face our five organisations,” Zhou Zhi said grimly.

Jin Hong remained calm. “This is the Two World Mountains, not the outside. If there were small arguments, so be it, but once a large scale conflict occurs, I must stop it, or the activity will draw over many Life-devouring Beasts. The consequences are unthinkable. Please do not bring disaster upon all of us over your personal grievances.”

Jin Hong was straightforward. He had spoken on behalf of everyone. He did not take a side.

“As for becoming enemies with your five organisations?” Jin Hong slowly glanced past the five of them. His gaze gradually turned cold. “You still don’t represent the organisations that support you yet, so what right do you have in becoming enemies of me?”

“Jin Hong, you-” Chu Jie and the others were furious. They looked at Jin Hong as they fumed. There was nothing that they could say.

“Enough. Let’s disperse and return to our positions. Once we get out of the Two World Mountains, I won’t interfere with your personal grievances, but in the Two World Mountains, we must think of the bigger picture, or I won’t show any mercy,” Jin Hong said firmly, directly dispersing the sacrificial soldiers of the five clans.

In the end, the disturbance ended with Jin Hong’s interference. Within the group, Jin Hong clearly held a status of authority that no one could match. There were not many people who dared to stand up to him openly.

“Yang Yutian, you said earlier that the mist here is strange. Can you go into further detail?” Afterwards, Jin Hong arrived before Jian Chen and asked sternly. However, he thought to himself curiously, “My bloodline has roused once again. Just what is Yang Yutian carrying? Why does my bloodline rouse everytime I come near him? And the bloodline is producing emotions of excitement and desire. Whatever that is on him must be extremely beneficial to me.”

Chapter 2694: Secret Thoughts

Although doubtful, Jin Hong showed none of it. He remained composed, acting like nothing had happened at all. He only appeared concerned over the issue regarding the mist that Jian Chen had mentioned.

However, unbeknownst to Jin Hong, when his bloodline roused, the droplet of blood from the ancient Skywolf actually warmed up simultaneously. It trembled gently as warmth flooded Jian Chen’s heart.

“The droplet of blood has actually acted up again; this is already the second time. Through the blood, I can actually vaguely sense the bloodline within Jin Hong. It looks like it was no coincidence that Jin Hong could obtain the recognition of the ancient Skywolf’s legacy out of all the prodigies that the Wolf clan had to offer. It seems like it’s because a sliver of the ancient Skywolf’s bloodline flows through his body.”

“It’s just that the bloodline has become extremely thin...”

Jian Chen thought to himself. Through the droplet of blood, not only could he sense Jin Hong's bloodline, but he could even sense the activity from Jin Hong's bloodline, which allowed him to understand that Jin Hong had already become aware of the existence of the droplet of blood.

However, Jian Chen also acted like nothing had happened. He replied to Jin Hong calmly, "I've only discovered some traces of strangeness regarding the mist due to my abnormally sharp senses. I don't know anything else other than that."

"Yang Yutian, it's not that I don't believe you. You just need to understand that this isn't the Saints' World. We can't absorb energy from the surroundings to replenish our consumed energy. We have to replenish it through divine crystals. We're in the Two World Mountains as well, so we might have to fight the Life-devouring Beasts at any time. The energy consumption in battle will be extremely great, so we have to ration whatever energy we have. If we cloak ourselves with energy purely because of an unreliable gut feeling of yours, it'll be quite a burden for us, which'll slow us down," said the prodigy from the Empirelotus sword sect. He spoke to Jian Chen as an equal.

Clearly, after the prior battle, the prodigies here no longer dared to look down on Jian Chen. He had won all of their respect.

"Young master Jin Hong, may I ask if you've discovered anything?" He Qianqian asked.

Jin Hong remained silent. He looked away from Jian Chen, shifting his gaze to the shrouding, grey mist. After a moment of silence, he said slowly, "I haven't discovered any abnormalities, but I feel uneasy for some reason. I don't know whether that sense of unease comes from the Life-devouring Beasts or elsewhere. However, just in case, I would advise you all to cloak yourselves in energy and avoid contact with the mist." With that, Jin Hong took the lead and tremendous energy immediately flowed out from his body, forming a barrier around him.

With Jin Hong's lead, several dozen prodigies followed him reluctantly. They began to protect themselves with energy. Even their sacrificial Godkings did the same.

In the end, roughly two-thirds of the prodigies decided to expend their energy for barriers. There were still a few people who refused to believe this. They were unwilling to waste the energy for nothing.

"Dammit. Now, we have to be holding divine crystals at all times. We have to replenish whatever energy we waste at all times. The journey is no longer as easy as before," someone grumbled inside.

"Yang Yutian, I really do hope that this mist is like what you have described. If I find out you have been toying with us, I might not be able to do anything to you in the World of the Forsaken Beast, but I'll surely make you suffer once I return to the Saints' World..."

"There are still some people who haven't cloaked themselves with energy. I guess that works too. I'll just let them continue like this and see if there really is anything strange about the mist or not..."

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Everyone set off once more. Jian Chen put up an act and cloaked himself in a thin layer of light, walking beside He Qianqian.

“You must have expended a great deal of energy in the battle before. Here’s a pill for recovering origin energy. Eat it. In the Two World Mountains, we must be at our peak conditions at all times.” He Qianqian passed a pill to Jian Chen. She no longer spoke as coldly as before. Her attitude towards Jian Chen had clearly undergone a drastic change.

“It’s no issue. I didn’t use too much energy in the battle before. I can return to my peak form through divine crystals very quickly.” Jian Chen turned down He Qianqian’s offer of the pill. With a flip of his hand, several supreme grade divine crystals appeared. He clenched a few divine crystals in each hand and acted like he was working hard on recovering.

From behind, Chu Jie, Gong Ruize, Kong Feiyong, Zhou Zhi, and Zhao Wenbin all stared at Jian Chen venomously. They swore oaths, “Yang Yutian, once you leave the World of the Fallen Beast, I’ll make you die a graveless death.”

“If I want to kill Yang Yutian, there’s no need to leave the World of the Fallen Beast. We only need to reach Hundred Saint City, and we’ll be able to deal with him,” said Chu Jie.

“That’s right. With our status, would killing Yang Yutian pose any difficulty? If it were not for Jin Hong’s interference, Yang Yutian would have died to the killing formation from the several hundred Godkings of the Chu family. He can deal with the Eight Absolute Killing Formations composed of eight Godkings, but can he deal with a Hundred Tribulations Formation composed of several hundred Godkings?” Zhou Zhi said.

“The Hundred Tribulations Formation is specially prepared for Primordial realm experts. No matter how powerful Yang Yutian is, can he surpass Primordial realm experts? Once the formation is completed, he will be dead for sure. Let’s find a chance to finish him off once we leave the Two World Mountains...” Chu Jie’s eyes shone viciousness. The disgrace he had felt today would become a permanent stain to his name. He utterly hated Jian Chen.

“Hmph, this had nothing to do with me originally. Zhou Zhi, you just had to stand forward and play the good guy. Now you’ve done it. Not only have you thrown yourself into the matter, but we’ve also suffered as well,” Gong Ruize fumed. He wanted to kill Jian Chen, but he was also extremely resentful towards Zhou Zhi who had stood up for Chu Jie.

“Zhou Zhi, you’ve screwed me over this time,” Zhou Wenbin and Kong Feiyong added with sunken voices.

Zhou Zhi was bitter. He actually remained silent. At that moment, he felt a tinge of regret too. If he had known that Jian Chen was so strong, he would have never stood forward.

Everyone continued through the Two World Mountains on foot at a pace that was extremely slow to Godkings. They did not travel in a straight line. Instead, they constantly changed directions.

Due to the moving geography of the Two World Mountains, the ground would shake like an earthquake from time to time, making the geography change slightly. Consequently, the direction they travelled in would veer off as well. They completely relied on a secret technique to determine the location of the distant Hundred Saint City through a slight connection, which prevented them from getting lost. As such, they stayed on track.

In the blink of an eye, it had already been three days since Jian Chen and Chu Jie fought. During those three days, they were attacked by several Life-devouring Beasts. The Life-devouring Beasts varied in strength, where the strongest had even reached mid Godking.

The battle that time was the most intense one they had experienced since they entered the World of the Fallen Beast. Even Jin Hong, the one known to be the strongest in the group, personally took action. However, even with that being the case, their group suffered quite the loss. Several dozen sacrificial Godkings died.

The mid Godking Life-devouring Beast could devour the life force of the early Godkings with great ease as it fought them. As such, it could rapidly recover its wounds no matter how severe they were. It was truly an unkillable monster.

Chapter 2695: Life-devouring Beast Herd

As a matter of fact, without any exaggeration, Life-devouring Beasts were basically invincible among their respective cultivation levels within the Two World Mountains. Every single one of them was equivalent to a supreme prodigy from the Saints' World.

Although they did not possess attacks as powerful as the supreme prodigies, their tenacity was far beyond anything the supreme prodigies could match.

Their life force was just too powerful, and their regeneration was similarly terrifying. A cultivator fighting a Life-devouring Beast with the same cultivation would never be able to kill it. They would only die after exhausting all their energy.

Jian Chen believed that if there were a peak Godking Life-devouring Beast, probably only the supreme prodigies from the Godkings' Throne would be able to deal with it.

Even someone like Jin Hong who had received a Grand Exalt's legacy might not be able to handle such a Life-devouring Beast.

Jin Hong was a mid Godking. He could easily kill most late Godkings, where even peak Godkings would not be his opponent.

However, these Godkings were all ordinary ones. A tremendous difference existed between them and Godkings from the Godkings' Throne. They were people on completely different levels.

"Yang Yutian, you clearly said there are issues with the mist, but it has already been three days, so why are we still standing here fine?" Chu Jie said suddenly. He was still resentful over the grievances he had suffered three days ago. He purposefully acted against Jian Chen.

"Not only has everyone expended a tremendous amount of origin energy against the Life-devouring Beasts in the past three days, but everyone has even had to cloak themselves with energy at all times. The rate of depletion is much faster than anyone can replenish their energy through divine crystals. In my opinion, if this continues, we'll probably die from exhaustion before we can even make it out of the Two World Mountains," Zhou Zhi added with ulterior motives as well.

"Yang Yutian, what are you scheming? Tell us, what hidden agenda do you have..."

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The prodigies who had no grievances with Jian Chen obviously would not go provoke someone as powerful as him. However, the five prodigies who had previously suffered at his hands did not care. They would never spare Jian Chen whenever the opportunity arose.

“Keep complaining, as you probably won’t be able to complain anymore after a while,” Jian Chen said coldly. He casually glanced past the other prodigies who had not cloaked themselves in energy. He could sense that the mist gathered within their bodies had reached a critical point. Something astonishing was probably about to happen within two days.

However, Jian Chen did not tell anyone. He had already warned them anyway. He would not interfere with the decisions of others, nor was he willing to interfere.

Moreover, it was perfect since he could use these people to test out just what dangers the mist posed to cultivators.

“Yang Yutian, what do you mean by that...” The expressions of the five prodigies changed, as if they had reached tipping point.

“Yang Yutian, just endure it and ignore them. Don’t stoop as low as them. Once we make it out of the Two World Mountains, I’ll definitely make things right for you,” He Qianqian comforted in a hurry, as she was afraid that Jian Chen would clash with the five of them again.

“Stop the unreasonable provocation, or it’ll only affect our sense of unity. In the Two World Mountains, I refuse to allow anything to happen to our sense of unity. If anyone refuses, please leave our group and travel alone,” Jin Hong added. Although Jin Hong had spoken firmly and appeared to be considering for the greater good, it was possible to discern that he favoured Jian Chen a little.

Chu Jie and the others all came from peak organisations in the Saints’ World and possessed great power, while Jian Chen was just an independent prodigy. He might have possessed extraordinary battle prowess, but in a different time and place, these prodigies would still not take him seriously. Jin Hong risked offending five large organisations to hold back Chu Jie, Zhou Zhi, Gong Ruize, Zhao Wenbin, and Kong Feiyang, which was equivalent to protecting Jian Chen.

The faces of the five of them immediately changed after hearing Jin Hong’s words. They understood the dangers of the Two World Mountains very well. If they were really expelled from the group, none of them had the confidence of emerging from this place alive.

At this moment, a dense series of fluttering sounds suddenly appeared. Gales whipped through the surroundings and whirlwinds composed of powerful energy wreaked havoc.

The sudden occurrence made Jin Hong’s face abruptly change. At that moment, he could no longer remain composed. He called out, “Oh no, it’s a Life-devouring Beast herd. There’s a large group of Life-devouring Beasts attacking us. Everyone. Prepare for battle.”

“What? A Life-devouring Beast herd? Dammit, there’s trouble now...”

“The most terrifying encounter would be Life-devouring Beast herds in the Two World Mountains because according to the records, each herd has a beast king. The larger the herd, the more powerful the beast king is...”

“It looks like we’ve still ended up encountering a Life-devouring Beast herd in the end. Sigh...”

...

Everyone’s faces changed drastically when they heard that. Many of them became sheet-white, and Chu Jie’s legs began to shake uncontrollably.

At the same time, tremendous figures appeared in the range of everyone’s senses. They were all three to four metres long, winged, green wolves. There was a tremendous number of them. Just the giant wolves that had appeared within everyone’s senses amounted to several dozen, and that was not all. Who knows how many more were hidden beyond the range of their senses.

“There are over a thousand Life-devouring Beasts, but fortunately most of them are below Godking. There are around fifty at early Godking and three at mid Godking,” Jian Chen thought. He glanced past the several tens of thousand Godkings on his side and knew that they would probably have to pay a great price this time.

“However, there’s a Life-devouring Beast that has remained stationary two hundred kilometres away. It has reached late Godking. It should be the beast king of this herd,” Jian Chen’s eyes glimmered. He knew that they had intruded upon the territory of this herd of Life-devouring Beasts. Once they alarmed the late Godking beast king, the consequences would be severe.

He completely understood the strength of the beast king. As the king of a herd, it would be much more powerful than most late Godking Life-devouring Beasts. Even Jin Hong would only be able to flee before it.

The group had already begun fighting with the herd. A few Deity and God Life-devouring Beasts were slain by the numerous Godkings as soon as they appeared. From a single wave of attacks, several dozen Deity and God Life-devouring Beasts were beaten to a pulp.

Before the numerous sacrificial Godkings, only Overgod Life-devouring Beasts could last for a moment, but they could only last for a moment at most. The difference in strength and numbers claimed the lives of these Overgod Life-devouring Beasts.

The battle below Godking was one-sided. The Life-devouring Beasts suffered severe casualties. However, the battle between the Godkings was extremely intense. Over fifty early Godking Life-devouring Beasts rampaged through a group of sacrificial soldiers. They constantly fluttered their wings and moved extremely quickly, sweeping through the crowd and constantly chomping down on the sacrificial soldiers. As they carried the Godkings in their mouths, they rapidly drained their life force while dodging the incoming attacks with great agility, avoiding being hit.

As the Godkings’ life force was devoured, the Life-devouring Beasts gradually grew stronger.

It had only been a few seconds since the battle started, but several dozen sacrificial Godkings had already died to the mouths of the winged wolves; this number only increased.

Chapter 2696: A Grand Exalt’s Secret Technique

Jin Hong became stern as well. He said grimly, “There are actually over fifty Godking Life-devouring Beasts. This is the most dangerous threat we’ve encountered ever since we entered the Two World

Mountains. Yang Yutian, let's kill these Life-devouring Beasts quickly so that we can minimize our casualties."

The early Godking Life-devouring Beasts obviously could not annihilate Jin Hong's group, but it would shave away a portion of the group's strength, which would weaken them greatly.

None of the prodigies here had entered the World of the Fallen Beast to fight against the Life-devouring Beasts. They had come to visit Hundred Saint City and control the various incidents happening in the city. If they lost too much power here, even if they emerged from the Two World Mountains successfully, they would not have the strength to deal with what was going on in Hundred Saint City. By then, it would be pointless for them to have entered the World of the Fallen Beast in the first place.

Jin Hong understood this extremely well, which was why he told Jian Chen to take action immediately. Within the group, only he and Jian Chen could kill these Life-devouring Beasts quickly, and with the death of each beast, a few extra sacrificial Godkings would be able to survive.

Right after Jin Hong finished speaking, before he even had the opportunity to take action, three presences that surpassed early Godkings suddenly swept forth. They were as heavy as mountains, flooding the entire battlefield.

Jin Hong immediately discovered the three ten-meter-long, winged wolves in the mist within the limited range he could sense of around twenty kilometres. Their dull, unintelligent eyes shone with blood-red light as they steadily approached the battlefield.

"Oh no, mid Godking Life-devouring Beasts!" Jin Hong's face changed, and he immediately alerted the prodigies there.

"What? More mid Godking Life-devouring Beasts? And three at the same time..."

"We encountered a mid Godking Life-devouring Beast a few days ago, which took a heavy toll on us. It took us a tremendous amount of effort to kill it, yet three have appeared at the same time now. How are we supposed to deal with this..."

...

Aside from Jian Chen, the expressions of all the other prodigies present changed. Even He Qianqian's heart grew heavy. The strength of the Life-devouring Beast they had encountered a few days ago had left a permanent impression in everyone's mind. It was already so difficult to kill alone, yet three had come now. Many of the prodigies became despaired.

"Mid Godking Life-devouring Beasts are no weaker than late Godkings. If I use my full strength, I should be able to kill one," Jin Hong said sternly before looking at Jian Chen.

"I think I can keep one busy," Jian Chen said with uncertainty, acting as if he were not very confident.

"Alright then. I'll deal with one of the three Life-devouring Beasts. Yang Yutian will handle another, and the last one shouldn't pose a problem if you all work together. Yang Yutian, no matter what you do, you have to keep the Life-devouring Beast busy for an hour. I will kill the one I'm fighting within the hour, and then I'll come to assist you immediately," Jin Hong said sternly.

“Brother Yang Yutian, as long as you can keep it busy for an hour, you will have helped our group tremendously. All of us will owe you a favour. Once we make it out of the Two World Mountains and Chu Jie plans on making more trouble for you, I, Ping Yisheng, will definitely be standing on your said,” said a prodigy. His name was Ping Yisheng, the leader of the Empirelotus Sword sect.

“Count me in. My Sun family isn’t afraid of their Chu family, Gong clan, Zhao clan, Cangqiong clan, and Yuqiong sect...” The leader of the Sun family, Sun Zhi, added as well.

“My Man family as well...”

With that, over a dozen large clans voiced their support of Jian Chen. This warped Chu Jie, Kong Feiying, Zhou Zhi, Zhao Wenbin, and Gong Ruize’s faces greatly, as if it were disastrous.

By now, Jin Hong had already flown off first, engaging in a battle against a mid Godking Life-devouring Beast. Booms constantly rang out. It was extremely intense.

Jian Chen did not make too much idle talk with them. He clasped his fist at them before shooting off in Jin Hong’s direction in a flash. Very soon, he was locked in battle against a second Life-devouring Beast.

Regarding the third Life-devouring Beast, the remaining prodigies led a few sacrificial Godkings with them and surrounded it. Several hundred people took part in the encirclement.

“Everyone, lock down on your life force. We can’t let our life force become energy that strengthens the Life-devouring Beast.”

Jian Chen and Jin Hong were better off. As long as the Life-devouring Beasts did not land a blow on them, they would not be able to absorb their life force. However, the prodigies who faced the third Life-devouring Beast were not so fortunate. Their life force would be automatically siphoned away once they approached a certain range. Even if they did all that they could to lock it down, it would still flow away slowly.

All of the life force would be siphoned into the Life-devouring Beast’s body, allowing it to constantly strengthen instead.

They were helpless with this. They could only grit their teeth and endure it. They could not reduce the number of people taking part in the attack. Due to the difference in cultivation, an extremely wide gap existed between them and the Life-devouring Beast. They needed an absolute numerical advantage to keep it at bay. Only then would the possibility of survival be greater.

If the sacrificial Godkings were not present, the Life-devouring Beast definitely would not be able to absorb as much life force, but a few of the prodigies would die as well.

None of them wished to die, which was why they would much rather let the Life-devouring Beast gradually strengthen than send away the sacrificial Godkings.

Immediately, the situation was divided into four battlefields. The three mid Godking Life-devouring Beasts occupied a battlefield each, where the Godkings maintained a safe distance to prevent their life force from being drained. The fourth battle field was composed of a large group of sacrificial Godkings encircling a group of early Godking Life-devouring Beasts.

The early Godking Life-devouring Beasts had been reduced to around forty now. Almost ten of them had been slain within the encirclement, but the sacrificial Godkings had paid quite a hefty price as well. Quite a few of them had died.

“Blessing of the Wolf Exalt!”

Suddenly, Jin Hong bellowed out, and energy surged into the form of a giant wolf.

The wolf was blurry and unclear, but as soon as it appeared, a paramount pressure permeated the surroundings, as if it were the ruler of the space here.

“The ancient Skywolf.” Jian Chen looked at the blurry wolf from afar. Even though it was so blurry that he could no longer make out its appearance, he could still tell that it was a past sovereign of the world. It was an expert who had reached the limits of Grand Prime, comprehending an entire law and was basically equivalent to the heavenly ways. It was an ancient Skywolf!

As soon as the figure appeared, Jin Hong’s battle prowess multiplied. As for the winged Life-devouring Beasts, they all paused at that moment, as if they were influenced by the ancient Skywolf’s presence. Whether it be the early Godking Life-devouring Beasts or the three mid Godking Life-devouring Beasts, they all became temporarily stunned.

That momentary pause came at a severe cost to them. Immediately, eight early Godking Life-devouring Beasts were smashed to pieces, and the other winged wolves suffered injuries of various degrees as well.

“Wolf God’s Claw!” Jin Hong bellowed out, and the figure of the ancient Skywolf behind him moved with him. It made Jin Hong seem like he was the ancient Skywolf, directly striking the head of the winged, green wolf.

A part of the wolf’s head directly exploded, and half of its eye was smashed into pieces as well. It was sent flying by Jin Hong’s attack.

At that moment, Jin Hong seemed to be surrounded by the Skywolf. He was awe-inspiring. With a single movement, he caught up to the winged wolf with even greater speed. He spread his arms, and a huge pair of powerful arms directly grabbed the wolf by its wings before yanking suddenly. The wings of the mid Godking Life-devouring Beast were directly ripped off by Jin Hong.

Afterwards, Jin Hong produced a howl at the sky. The howl was elating, just like the howl of an ancient Skywolf, stunning everything in the surroundings. Jin Hong’s head suddenly turned into a wolf’s.

It was a head covered in golden fur. Like an emperor among the wolves, it gave off a dignified, noble aura, enough to unite the powerful. He gave off an inviolable sense of pride.

At that moment, Jin Hong had taken the form of a humanoid wolf, with a wolf’s head and a human’s body.

He suddenly opened his fangs and chomped down on the remainder of the Life-devouring Beast’s head with lightning speed.

The huge figure of the ancient Skywolf behind him replicated his actions, chomping down just like Jin Hong. It seemed like Jin Hong was imbued with the power of the ancient Skywolf such that the Life-devouring Beast was beheaded with a single bite after a crisp crack.

This time, the Life-devouring Beast did not recover. Even the tremendous amount of life force it had accumulated within its body was useless.

After using the Blessing of the Wolf Exalt, Jin Hong seemed to have gained the support of the ancient Skywolf. Not only was the might of every single move unmatched, they were all extremely profound as well. They seemed to be hiding countless secrets, allowing him to sever the life force of the Life-devouring Beast.

In less than five minutes, Jin Hong had killed the Life-devouring Beast that he said he needed an hour to kill before. It was his complete victory.

“Look over there! The mid Godking Life-devouring Beast has a- a- actually been slain by Jin Hong!”

“Jin Hong really is the successor of a Grand Exalt. That’s probably his true strength. He’s actually so powerful. He’s probably powerful enough to make it onto the Godkings’ Throne.”

“Jin Hong is actually so terrifying. He’s only a mid Godking right now. If he makes it to late Godking, wouldn’t making the top ten of the Godkings’ Throne be set in stone for him?”

“Top ten? You underestimate young master Jin Hong far too much. As long as young master Jin Hong becomes a late Godking, he’ll definitely place first.”

Jin Hong ended the battle with lightning speed. Obviously, many of the prodigies witnessed what had happened, and they were immediately stunned. They could already see the light of victory.

“So much for a Grand Exalt’s secret technique. It really is powerful,” To another side, the bloodied Jian Chen had also noticed Jin Hong and nodded secretly as he put up an arduous fight as a ruse. Jin Hong was the successor of a Grand Exalt. As the successor of the ancient Skywolf, only strength like that would truly match his identity.

Chapter 2697: The Beast King

“Yang Yutian, let me assist you. Let’s work together and kill this Life-devouring Beast.” After killing one of the mid Godking Life-devouring Beasts, Jin Hong released his secret technique, and the blurry figure of the ancient Skywolf immediately vanished from behind him. His presence returned to normal, and he immediately rushed towards Jian Chen.

The secret technique was indeed powerful, but it also expended a tremendous amount of energy. It was to the point where even Jin Hong did not want to use it for even a second longer. He would much rather work with Jian Chen to kill the Life-devouring Beast than to use the Blessing of the Wolf Exalt again.

To the other side, Jian Chen purposefully appeared to be under great strain as he fought against the Life-devouring Beast. When he saw Jin Hong fly towards him, he came up with an idea and suddenly said, “There’s no need. I can still last for much longer, so go deal with the other Life-devouring Beast first.”

Currently, the third mid Godking Life-devouring Beast was wreaking havoc. It forced back the prodigies and Godkings constantly, completely gaining the upper hand. Half of the prodigies suffered wounds, some light and others worse. They were all covered in blood.

Several of the sacrificial Godkings had already been mauled to death by the vicious Life-devouring Beast.

Against so many prodigies, the Life-devouring Beast that was only a mid Godking constantly suffered injuries as well. Even though none of these prodigies were as powerful as the Life-devouring Beast, they did come from peak clans in the Saints' World after all. They all possessed powerful and ancient secret techniques. Some of their secret techniques could even allow them to unleash attacks on the level of mid Godkings despite only being early Godkings.

The Life-devouring Beast would suffer greatly under these powerful secret techniques, except the wounds would be nothing compared to its tremendous life force.

Especially after draining the tremendous life force of a few sacrificial Godkings, the Life-devouring Beast would have more life force to recover as it grew stronger.

Without Jian Chen and Jin Hong, these two great experts who could match late Godkings, killing the Life-devouring Beast with just the prodigies and sacrificial Godkings would be extremely difficult.

Jin Hong immediately paused after hearing Jian Chen's words. He glanced past the two battlefields and understood exactly what was going on. "Yang Yutian is very powerful. Although it seems difficult for him to handle a mid Godking Life-devouring Beast alone, he won't be defeated anytime soon. However, the people on the other side have already lost the upper hand. People can die at any time."

With a quick thought, Jin Hong changed directions, flying towards the third Life-devouring Beast now. He went to save the prodigies.

Swish!

Jin Hong was extremely fast. He arrived before the other Life-devouring Beast in a flash and transformed his hand into a claw to directly grab its hind leg. With a violent jerk, a large piece of flesh was ripped off from the Life-devouring Beast's leg.

"Fantastic, young master Jin Hong has come!"

"Since young master Jin Hong has arrived, this Life-devouring Beast is dead for sure. Everyone unleash your full strength and kill it with young master Jin Hong!"

Jin Hong's arrival made everyone's morale peak. No one held back anymore, all unleashing powerful secret techniques to assist Jin Hong in killing the Life-devouring Beast.

Jian Chen watched on from afar. The light in his eyes flickered as he thought, "Within the range of the senses of my soul, there were numerous Life-devouring Beasts moving about within a range of ten million kilometres. There are many huge Life-devouring Beasts as well. If this continues on like this, I wonder when are we going to emerge from the Two World Mountains."

"The Two World Mountains is just too vast. I can only observe a portion of it even with the senses of my soul. I have no idea where the way out is. And the special geography here constantly changes. If I travel in a straight line, I'll probably just end up walking in circles. I need them to make it out of here."

“It looks like if I want to make it out of the Two World Mountains as soon as possible, I need to leave the group and clear the obstacles in front of them so that they can cover ground without obstruction. Only then can I leave the Two World Mountains as quickly as possible.”

Suddenly, a sharp gleam of light flashed through Jian Chen’s eyes.

A hundred kilometres away, within the centre of a small mountain range stood the highest peak. On it lay a winged wolf with golden fur. It exhaled and inhaled the energy of the world. It was cultivating.

This golden wolf was clearly a Life-devouring Beast, except the pulsing energy it gave off was so great that it had reached late Godking.

Let alone the Two World Mountains, a late Godking across the entire World of the Fallen Beast was an existence that could stand supreme.

The strongest in the World of the Fallen Beast were only Infinite Primes, and there were so few of them. It was possible to count them all. As a result, late Godkings who were only second to Infinite Primes possessed extraordinary statuses.

Suddenly, a powerful strand of sword Qi condensed out of nowhere above the golden wolf. Before the wolf could respond, the sword Qi directly stabbed at the beast, leaving behind a deep slash.

The golden wolf suddenly roused from cultivation and opened its eyes. Within the fury of its scarlet eyes was a sparkle.

It seemed like it possessed a slight amount of self-consciousness having reached late Godking, making it unlike the other Life-devouring Beasts that only acted on instinct.

Of course, it was only a slight amount, not even enough for it to communicate with others.

The golden wolf produced a great howl after rousing. The sound pierced through everything and shook up the vegetation and rocks. Then it looked away as if it could sense something, immediately locking down on where Jian Chen fought. It shot off like an arrow.

A hundred kilometres away, Jin Hong and the prodigies also heard the piercing wolf howl as they fought the Life-devouring Beast. Their faces changed drastically.

“Did that come from a late Godking Life-devouring Beast?” A prodigy asked with a pale complexion.

“Mid Godking Life-devouring Beasts are already difficult enough to handle, let alone late Godking ones. Probably only Primordial realm experts can kill a late Godking Life-devouring Beast,” another prodigy added with difficulty as his voice trembled.

“We’re in trouble now. Against a late Godking Life-devouring Beast, we probably can’t even escape,” the prodigy from the Empirelotus Sword sect, Ping Yisheng, also said with a sunken voice. He could feel the impending danger.

“Blessing of the Wolf Exalt!” Jin Hong bellowed and used the secret technique once more. A tremendous presence appeared, and the figure of the ancient Skywolf appeared behind him once more.

His battle prowess skyrocketed after using the secret technique. In just a few attacks, he tore the Life-devouring Beast that the prodigies struggled against so much to pieces. Afterwards, he called out, "Everyone assist Yang Yutian in killing the final mid Godking Life-devouring Beast, and then flee as quickly as you can. I'll go draw the beast king away."

"My Blessing of the Wolf Exalt can last for five minutes at most. After that, even I don't know what fate I'll be facing. During that time, you have to flee as far away as you can. You can only rely on yourselves for the upcoming journey." At that moment, Jin Hong seemed like he was about to take on everything alone. Even against the late Godking Life-devouring Beast king, he was fearless. Afterwards, he tossed a divine hall to Jian Chen and said, "Jian Chen, that divine hall contains all the cultivators. You're probably the strongest besides me, and you also have grasped the Laws of Space, so your chances of survival are much greater than everyone else's. I'll leave these people to you. I hope that you can emerge from the Two World Mountains alive."

Chapter 2698: Leaving the Group

Looking at the incoming divine hall, Jian Chen did not extend his hand to catch it. He looked at the determined Jin Hong in surprise.

He had never thought that Jin Hong would sacrifice himself to save others. Against the undefeatable Life-devouring Beast king, he did not try to flee by himself. Instead, he chose to risk his life and draw it away to make time for everyone's escape.

After all, Jin Hong did not have any particularly close ties with the prodigies here. Strictly speaking, they were not even the simplest of friends. They were all strangers. Only because of the seniors of their clans and their common goal had they formed a group together.

With how Jin Hong was willing to lay his life down for these people, Jian Chen was forced to reevaluate him.

"Hold on. Young master Jin Hong, you are the backbone of the entire group. You can't leave us, or even if we manage to avert this disaster for now, our future journey will become extremely difficult without you. Why don't you let Yang Yutian draw away the Life-devouring Beast king? After all, we've all witnessed his strength. I firmly believe that Yang Yutian can take on such a heavy burden," Zhou Zhi said suddenly.

Jian Chen had humiliated him before, which made him resent Jian Chen. Now that such a great opportunity had presented itself, he would never simply let it slide. He wanted to screw over Jian Chen viciously.

"Zhou Zhi is right. Not only is Yang Yutian powerful, he's skilled with the Laws of Space as well. He's the most appropriate candidate for drawing away the Life-devouring Beast king. After all, who is better at fleeing than those with the Laws of Space?" Chu Jie did not forget to seal the deal as he sneered.

"Zhou Zhi, Chu Jie, you..." He Qianqian was furious. How could she not know that Chu Jie and Zhou Zhi were trying to push Yang Yutian to his death? This was not the outside world after all. Once people ran out of energy here, it would be far more difficult to replenish it than in the Saints' World. With Yang Yutian's mastery over the Laws of Space, even if he could escape from the late Godking Life-devouring Beast king, who could guarantee that he would not meet even more powerful Life-devouring Beasts?

To say the least, even if Yang Yutian managed to survive somehow, he would be completely lost in the Two World Mountains because he would have left the group. His final fate would be obvious.

Only the people from organisations who had participated in the construction of Hundred Saint City knew the way to the city. Moreover, it was forbidden to pass the secret technique that could detect the city's location to others, nor was it possible to do so.

Yet, at a time like this, He Qianqian was unable to say anything to rebuke them, as she would be offending Jin Hong if she did.

Jian Chen remained composed. He glanced past Chu Jie and Zhou Zhi coldly. Even though he had wanted to take advantage of this situation to leave the group, Chu Jie and Zhou Zhi's actions had roused his killing intent.

Afterwards, he flicked a finger, and a gust of wind slammed into the divine hall, sending it back into Jin Hong's hand. Jian Chen said, "Young master Jin Hong, leave the Life-devouring Beast to me. I have grasped the Laws of Space, so I possess an absolute advantage in terms of speed. Drawing it away won't be anything difficult."

"Miss Qian, please keep this divine hall with you. Once I leave, it's extremely likely for me to get lost here. As a result, I've left a sliver of the power of my soul in the divine hall. If I die, the fragment will disperse, but if I'm alive, I can locate you through the fragment, or even catch up to you." As he said that, Jian Chen produced a supreme quality saint artifact divine hall and tossed it to He Qianqian.

Afterwards, he immediately abandoned the mid Godking Life-devouring Beast opponent and vanished with a flash, disappearing into the hazy mist.

"Yang Yutian, you must be careful. I'll wait for your safe return." Jin Hong glanced in Jian Chen's direction with some mixed emotions before immediately unleashing his full strength and engaging the mid Godking Life-devouring Beast.

In the end, Jin Hong used the Blessing of the Wolf Exalt and slew all the Life-devouring Beasts there before immediately leading the group away from the area as quickly as possible. They did not even collect the valuable corpses.

In the end, they lost over a thousand sacrificial Godkings in the battle, and the prodigies all suffered injuries of various degrees.

"Hmph, Yang Yutian, I refuse to believe that you'll survive this time. I refuse to believe that you can escape a Life-devouring Beast king in the Two World Mountains just by relying on your Laws of Space." As the group left in a hurry, Chu Jie rejoiced secretly. Some of the humiliation he experienced dispersed.

He believed that Jian Chen was dead for sure now.

"Yang Yutian, I hope you return safely. I'll definitely protect this divine hall so that you can find your way and catch up to us." He Qianqian clutched Jian Chen's divine hall firmly. She constantly sensed for the fragment of the power of Jian Chen's soul in there as she secretly prayed.

He Qianqian obviously hoped that he could return safely given the great battle prowess he had displayed. At the very least, he was still a member of the Heavenly Crane clan. He could add to the might the Heavenly Crane clan possessed in the World of the Fallen Beast.

“Brother Yang Yutian, I hope that you survive...” Many other prodigies prayed for Jian Chen as well. They were not Jian Chen’s friends. Instead, they had been moved by Jian Chen’s sacrifice.

Elsewhere, Jian Chen was finally free from all the restrictions he had when he was in the group. He could finally unleash his full strength. He drew the Life-devouring Beast king far away, flying in the exact opposite direction from the group.

In the end, he stopped several thousand kilometres from the group and stood with his arms crossed, waiting.

A while later, a powerful gust of wind arrived. A huge, golden wolf appeared before Jian Chen as it fluttered its wings. The aura of a late Godking beast king flooded out into the surroundings, frightening a few Life-devouring Beasts in the surrounding hundred kilometres and forcing them onto the ground.

A late Godking Life-devouring Beast was already an unmatched ruler within the Two World Mountains. It possessed a degree of self-consciousness and could claim its own territory.

The wolf glanced at Jian Chen before immediately producing a howl as it charged towards him. At the same time, a mysterious devouring force enveloped Jian Chen.

Jian Chen remained calm against the Life-devouring Beast king that was enough to frighten all of the prodigies. Before Jian Chen, its terrifying ability to devour life force was a joke.

Jian Chen exhaled gently, and the breath of air he let out transformed into a streak of light in an instant. Radiating with powerful sword intent, it immediately shot forward and pierced through the Life-devouring Beast king.

Afterwards, the Life-devouring Beast king that had frightened so many prodigies was bisected mid-air. It was split in half, from its nose down its body.

Not only had the streak of light sliced its body, it had also destroyed its ability to heal.

After a single clash, the Life-devouring Beast king had died. All that was left was pure life force.

Chapter 2699: Harvesting En Masse

The remains of Life-devouring Beasts were extremely valuable. The stronger the Life-devouring Beast, the greater its value.

As a result, Jian Chen obviously would not simply leave behind this late Godking Life-devouring Beast king. Instead, he pulled out a Space Ring and tossed the corpse inside.

Life-devouring Beasts were unique to the World of the Fallen Beast. They originated from the special environment here, and if they left this place, they would not be able to survive. As a result, Life-devouring Beasts did not exist in the Saints’ World. Even if they did, they would be corpses taken from the World of the Fallen Beast.

Their remains contained tremendous life force, making them a fantastic material for many high grade God Tier pills. As a result, the remains of Life-devouring Beasts were an important resource that many peak organisations fought over in the Saints' World.

Even Grand Primes valued the remains of Life-devouring Beasts.

Even the pills of the lowest grade refined from Life-devouring Beasts would be mid grade God Tier. They could even reach high grade or supreme grade.

Grand Primes would also fight and could also get injured. They would need impressive God Tier pills to heal once they were injured, so the remains of Life-devouring Beasts were a crucial, strategic resource to any peak expert or organisation.

Even though Jian Chen had only learnt about the existence of Life-devouring Beasts recently, he had learnt a lot about them from He Qianqian, which was why he knew exactly how valuable they were in the Saints' World. Now that he was free from the group, he obviously would not miss this fantastic opportunity to harvest the remains of Life-devouring Beasts en masse.

As a result, he immediately hurried off after collecting the Life-devouring Beast king's corpse. With a flash, he hurried off towards another area where a large Life-devouring Beast herd was gathered.

Jian Chen was completely fearless in the dangerous Two World Mountains. Nothing could pose a threat to him. He traveled with lightning speed, and in just a few seconds, he appeared a thousand kilometres away.

There, Jian Chen detected another large herd of Life-devouring Beasts through the senses of his soul. On one of the mountains within his vision gathered several thousand presences of Life-devouring Beasts. There was a late Godking Life-devouring Beast king there as well, with five mid Godking and over a hundred early Godking Life-devouring Beasts.

The rest were all below Godking.

Jian Chen did not take action as soon as he arrived. Instead, his eyes became silvery-white, filled with vast amounts of sword intent.

He was using the will of the Ultimate Way of the Sword.

With the Ultimate Way of the Sword, the world was within his control. The fate of every living organism within the range of a hundred thousand kilometres was within his grasp.

In a split second, powerful sword intent engulfed the mountain occupied by several thousand Life-devouring Beasts. At that moment, the flowing air, the unique energy of the world, even the vegetation, rocks, and soil turned into extremely sharp sword Qi.

The countless strands of sword Qi were densely-packed, filling the space there, radiating with a destructive presence.

"Destroy!"

Jian Chen had truly become the ruler of this region. With a single thought, all of the Life-devouring Beasts, including the Life-devouring Beast king, could not even let out a single sound. They could not

even put up a struggle. They just died then and there, slain by the will of Jian Chen's Ultimate Way of the Sword.

For those below the Primordial realm, no one could withstand the will of Jian Chen's Way of the Sword. The only way to survive was to step into the Primordial realm.

In the blink of an eye, the herd of Life-devouring Beasts that was even larger than the herd of previous herd of winged wolves was completely slain.

If Jin Hong's group were present, probably all of them would jump in fright.

Jian Chen collected all of their corpses, but once he stowed all the corpses into his Space Ring, the Space Ring became filled to the brim. He had run out of space.

"What a pity. Due to the limitations on the grade of the Space Rings that I can bring in, there isn't much space in them. Just a single Life-devouring Beast herd has filled it to the brim. It looks like I need to find more Space Rings." Jian Chen frowned as he looked at the Space Ring on his finger. Then he looked in the direction where he had come from, and after a moment of hesitation, he immediately left the area with the Laws of Space.

He could cover a range of ten million kilometres with the senses of his soul in the Two World Mountains. He had not travelled for more than ten million kilometres from where he had parted with the group, so the location of where the great battle occurred was still within Jian Chen's range.

Jian Chen returned to the battlefield with terrifying strength and collected a vast amount of Space Rings from the sacrificial soldiers. He continued his hunt after taking these Space Rings.

In a mere three days, the number of Life-devouring Beasts that had died to Jian Chen's hands ranged into the ten thousands. These Life-devouring Beasts varied in size, with some being as small as a few metres and some being as large as a few hundred metres. He collected all of their corpses and half of all the Space Rings he had collected from the sacrificial soldiers three days ago were filled.

In this supposed zone of danger, Jian Chen saw no danger at all. Instead, it was more like a playground where he could do whatever he wanted.

During those three days, the group had travelled peacefully under Jin Hong's lead. They did not encounter a single attack from Life-devouring Beasts, so they gradually sped up.

"Yep, they are travelling faster and faster. At this rate, they should be able to leave the Two World Mountains soon. It's just a pity that I still can't find the exits even with the senses of my soul." Several hundred kilometres away, Jian Chen sat on the back of a huge eagle that spanned several hundred metres. It flew at an altitude of a thousand metres. As the group slowly covered ground, Jian Chen maintained a certain distance in front of them under his deliberate control.

The eagle was also a Life-devouring Beast. It was at late Godking.

Late Godking Life-devouring Beast kings would have developed a weak level of intelligence already, which was why Jian Chen was able to tame it with force, temporarily using it as a mount.

"The hidden issue caused by the mist seems like it will erupt soon. It's perfect for me to see just what kind of danger this mist will pose to cultivators when it lurks within their bodies," Jian Chen murmured

to himself on the back of the eagle. He kept the senses of his soul expanded, so he could clearly observe the situation of the group.

Chapter 2700: A Strange Sight

Several hundred kilometres behind Jian Chen, the huge group led by Jin Hong moved through the thick forest quietly. They would encounter some swamplands and rivers from time to time, so they all hovered above the ground.

Their presences were hidden away. Even the cultivators who cloaked themselves with energy carefully controlled the pulses of power as they did their best to remain hidden. As a result, even though there were numerous people in the group, they did not produce a single sound that stood out. From afar, they seemed like a flock of ghosts that were quickly gliding through the forest.

“It has already been three days, yet we haven’t come across a single Life-devouring Beast. The journey has been surprisingly peaceful. Young master Jin Hong really is clever, coming up with an idea like this to save us a lot of unnecessary trouble,” the prodigy from the Scarlet Light clan, Guang Wanhua, communicated to everyone gleefully.

Originally, he possessed deep fear towards the Two World Mountains. He was even afraid of setting foot in there. Every single battle before had put him on edge. He had basically been dancing on the boundary of death every single time, where the slightest carelessness would take him into the gaping chasm of darkness, dooming him for all of eternity.

The peace of the past three days immediately improved Guang Wanhua’s perception of the Two World Mountains. It no longer seemed as terrifying as rumoured.

“I really hope that the rest of our journey can remain this peaceful so that we can leave the mountains as soon as possible. Once we get out of here, all of us will basically be safe,” He Qianqian added eagerly.

“Don’t celebrate too early. We won’t necessarily be safe once we emerge from the Two World Mountains. None of us knows what has happened to the Hundred Saint City that our clans have occupied for so many years. I think that even if we do make it out of the Two World Mountains alive, what we face next will just be a new challenge,” Ping Yisheng of the Empirelotus Sword sect said grimly.

As soon as Ping Yisheng finished speaking, a prodigy retorted, “What’s there to be terrified about? We’ve brought so many sacrificial soldiers with us that just the sheer amount is unprecedented, and it is just to resolve all instability within the World of the Fallen Beast. We can’t use the sacrificial soldiers properly in the Two World Mountains as they are unsuited for battles against Life-devouring Beast, but as long as we can get out of this place, we can lead a massacre among the Darkstar race with the power that we possess.”

“That’s right. As long as we make it out of the Two World Mountains, everything will be alright. The formations created from our sacrificial soldiers can even deal with Infinite Primes. Just how many Infinite Primes does the Darkstar race have...”

“The Darkstar race won’t pose any problems to us at all. What we should be cautious about are these Life-devouring Beasts. They are our primary opponents...”

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Everyone communicated through the use of techniques such that there were no sounds at all. Many of the prodigies spoke of the Darkstar race with contempt.

The most powerful expert from the Darkstar race, the Darkstar Emperor, was only a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime. On the other hand, every single organisation behind them possessed a Grand Prime. Some of them even had several Grand Primes.

This was also why some of them looked down on the Darkstar race from the bottom of their hearts.

“Everyone, shut up!” At this moment, Jin Hong bellowed out, and everyone’s conversations came to a halt. They immediately became nervous, sternly raising their guard. They thought they were facing some new danger.

Jin Hong did not say anything else. Instead, he closed his eyes and sensed for something carefully. A while later, when he opened his eyes, there was a flash of light, and he vanished. He appeared before a cave several kilometres away.

All of the prodigies followed behind him with a group of sacrificial soldiers. They all held their breaths as they stood behind Jin Hong sternly and nervously.

“Young master Jin Hong, is there something wrong?” Sun Zhi could not help but ask as he looked around.

Jin Hong stared into the pitch-black cave for a while before glancing around sternly. He frowned, and a while later, he said, “There was originally quite a large Life-devouring Beast herd here. Looking at the traces in the surroundings, there should have been extremely many Life-devouring Beasts here before, and this cave should have been where the Life-devouring Beast king resided. For some reason, all of them have vanished.”

Everyone looked around instinctively with that, and indeed, they found the traces left behind by many Life-devouring Beasts. Immediately, their hearts shivered, and they became nervous for some reason.

“These Life-devouring Beasts have probably moved away. They’ve probably migrated elsewhere,” Kong Feiying of the Cangqiong clan said casually.

With that, many people nodded in agreement.

“That can’t be right.” Jin Hong frowned and shook his head. “Along the way, this is the second place I’ve found where a Life-devouring Beast herd used to reside. The situation in these two places are exactly the same. There were no traces of battle, but all of the Life-devouring Beasts had disappeared. And looking at the lingering presence, these Life-devouring Beasts all vanished two to three days ago.”

“And, according to my secret technique, I haven’t discovered any evidence of migration. If such a large herd of Life-devouring Beasts migrated away, they would leave behind a presence even if they did not leave behind a single trace. It would be impossible for such a strong presence to vanish in such a short amount of time, which is why I would be able to sense it with my secret technique with ease. However, I haven’t found any presence of migrating Life-devouring Beasts, nor are there any traces of their departure. It seems like they’ve just evaporated. This is the last trace they’ve left behind before vanishing.”

For a moment, everyone fell silent. The sudden disappearance of a huge beast heard made many people uneasy.

“Could they have been killed, and then their remains were taken away?” He Qianqian said rather unnaturally.

“That’s even less likely,” Ping Yisheng of the Empirelotus Sword sect immediately rejected the possibility. “Looking at the traces, many Life-devouring Beasts resided here. There should be a late Godking Life-devouring Beast king watching over this place at the very least. Even Infinite Primes can’t kill so many Life-devouring Beasts without leaving behind traces of a struggle.”

“That’s right. Even though an Infinite Prime can easily annihilate a Life-devouring Beast herd, they definitely can’t do it so cleanly. There should be some remnants of battle at the very least, but there are no traces of battle here at all,” the prodigy of the Man family, Man Yunjun added as well.

“Let’s not talk about this for now and leave here quickly.” Jin Hong gave a stern command as a gleam of light flashed through his eyes.

However, just when everyone was prepared to leave, a howl suddenly rang out from behind the group.