

Chaotic 2701

Chapter 2701: Madness

The howl was extremely ear-piercing in the quiet surroundings, as everyone had been using communication techniques to talk. It rivaled a clap of thunder.

“What? What is happening...”

“Have we been flanked by Life-devouring Beasts from behind...”

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At that moment, the hearts of the several dozen prodigies in the cave tightened. First, the numerous Life-devouring Beasts had vanished from here for some reason. This unexplainable, strange sight made them uneasy, and now that there was a sudden howl, they became even more on edge. They were extremely nervous.

Most of the latter half of the group fell into disorder following the howl. Pulses of energy appeared as the sounds of battle followed.

Jin Hong’s face changed. As a blur, he immediately vanished, flying towards the back as quickly as he could. The other prodigies followed behind him after a moment of hesitation.

Jin Hong arrived at the location of the disorder in the group. He just happened to see dark, green light appear in the eyes of several sacrificial soldiers as they gave off a chaotic and brutal presence. They attacked the people around them madly.

“Jia Yunlong, have you lost your mind? Why have you suddenly attacked me...”

“Liu Chengshui, what are you doing? We’re good brothers who have been through thick and thin. Why have you suddenly turned against me...”

“Old Zhou, what has happened to you? Why don’t you stop? Haven’t you forgotten what your status is? You’ll be sentenced to death by the young master if you continue like this...”

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Over twenty cultivators who also happened to be sacrificial soldiers were caught off-guard and were heavily injured by the sudden attacks. They all stared at their companions in disbelief as they bellowed out furiously and in confusion.

The sacrificial soldiers with shining green eyes did not seem to hear them. They produced beast-like roars as they attacked the surrounding cultivators with all their might.

On a nearby tree, Jin Hong frowned as he saw this. The light in his eyes flickered as he seemed to be in thought.

The other leaders of the organisations all arrived as well. They either stood on trees or hovered in the air, staring at the disorderly sacrificial soldiers in surprise.

“One of them is from my Chu family. W- what has happened to him?” Chu Yun hovered in the air and looked at the sacrificial soldier from his clan who currently attacked everyone with no regard. Chu Yun’s face became rather ugly.

“Hmph, capture these people making trouble,” Baizhan Xiong of the Hundred Battle clan called out coldly, immediately issuing a command.

Immediately, all the sacrificial soldiers of the Hundred Battle clan took action. Together, they suppressed the insane sacrificial soldiers very quickly.

However, even though the sacrificial soldiers had been immobilised, they showed no intention of settling down. The inky green light in their eyes grew deeper in color as they struggled desperately. As the light shone brighter, they put up an even greater and greater struggle; it was to a level where it was greater than the strength that they were supposed to possess.

“We’re struggling to keep these people down. Quick, send a few more people.”

One of the sacrificial soldiers holding the people down called out, and a few sacrificial soldiers joined in immediately.

In the end, it took eight sacrificial soldiers to hold down a single person.

This was shocking, as these sacrificial soldiers had all been nurtured using Hundred Tribulations Godking Pills. Their strength would all be roughly the same. Normally, just two or three people would be enough to hold a single person down.

However, they required a total of eight now!

This meant that the sacrificial soldiers who had lost their minds were two or three times more powerful than before.

“H- how is this possible? W- why have they become like this?” Chu Jie was at a loss. He was completely confused.

No one answered his question. In reality, many people were confused as to just what had happened here.

Jin Hong stared at the shining, green eyes of the sacrificial soldiers, and he gradually became stern. Afterward, he seemed to decide on something, and his expression changed abruptly. He immediately called out, “Quick, everyone cloak yourselves with energy and avoid the mist!”

“What? All of this was caused by the mist here? B- but how is that possible...”

“How is that possible? Isn’t this just ordinary mist? How can it have such a strange power?”

Jin Hong’s call shocked all of the prodigies present. They all stared at the mist in disbelief. They were in doubt and suspicion.

Even though some of them were still doubtful, all of them immediately cloaked themselves with energy, forcing the mist away from their bodies.

The sacrificial soldiers obeyed as well. Immediately, colorful energy erupted from their bodies. The shining energy dyed the surrounding landscape with a variety of colors.

However, it was all too late, as around half of the group had believed that Jian Chen was just trying to frighten them with his warnings. They had ignored his recommendation, so they had absorbed a large quantity of mist in the past few days.

Now, the issue with the mist had finally erupted completely.

Just five seconds after Jin Hong's command, more cultivators began to lose their minds among the sacrificial soldiers. They seemed to descend into madness. Dark green light shone in their eyes as they attacked their nearby companions wildly.

Like a chain reaction, more and more sacrificial soldiers descended into madness. In that short moment, the total amount increased from a few to several dozen, and then several hundred, followed by several thousand before increasing to over ten thousand.

In the end, everyone among the sacrificial soldiers who had not cloaked themselves with energy descended into madness. None of them were able to avoid this fate.

Immediately, a great battle erupted in the mountains. The insane sacrificial soldiers were no longer able to tell friend from foe, attacking the normal sacrificial soldiers, forcing them to fend for their lives. The group that stretched into the tens of thousands fell into disorder in that moment. They were collapsing from within.

"Why? Why..." Many of the prodigies were stunned by this scene. They were in complete shock and disbelief.

"Wake up! Awoooo!" Jin Hong was pale. He immediately transformed into a golden wolf that was three metres long, and the blurry figure of the ancient Skywolf appeared behind him. He then let out a deafening wolf's howl that spread far and wide. He attacked to wake up all the sacrificial soldiers that had lost their minds.

But it was useless!

He Qianqian was pale as well. Even though all the sacrificial soldiers of the Heavenly Crane clan had followed Jian Chen's recommendation, so none of them had lost their minds, this young lady of a peak clan was still rather frightened by what was happening.

She saw the sacrificial soldiers of the Heavenly Crane clan fend off the attacks of the insane cultivators and immediately ordered, "People of the Heavenly Crane clan, use the Divine Formation of the Crane's Feather immediately!"

Chapter 2702: The Rain of the Two World Mountains

The Divine Formation of the Crane's Feather was a powerful, defensive formation. It could not be used against Life-devouring Beasts, but it was basically an impenetrable wall against the attacks of cultivators.

If several hundred or a thousand sacrificial soldiers used the formation, they would be combining all of their strength. They could even stop the attacks of a few experts who had just reached Infinite Prime.

“People of the Empire Lotus Sword sect, use the Lotus Sword Formation immediately!”

“People of the Hundred Battle clan, use the Invincible Formation quickly!”

“People of the Sun family...”

“People of the Greenfields clan...”

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Afterwards, the other prodigies all snapped to their senses as well, passing down commands together.

Immediately, many powerful defensive formations were quickly erected to block the attacks of the insane cultivators.

The attacks of the crazy cultivators finally posed no more threat to the regular sacrificial soldiers.

However, in that short amount of time, close to a thousand sacrificial soldiers had passed away.

“We’re done for, we’re done for. It’s over for us. It’s all over...” Chu Jie and the others were grief-stricken. Blood had drained from their faces completely. Not only had all of their subordinates lost their minds, they themselves had absorbed quite a lot of the grey mist as well. Even though they were unable to find anything wrong with their bodies for now, the fates of the sacrificial soldiers had cast a shadow in their hearts.

None of them know when they would become like the insane sacrificial soldiers.

Some of the prodigies had already begun wolfing down various pills in an attempt to disperse the mist within them.

Having witnessed the sacrificial soldiers descend into madness, they had truly become afraid. They were in fear.

What hurt them even more was that the prodigies who had not absorbed any mist due to their energy cloaking had instinctively moved away from them, secretly raising their guard against them. Clearly, they were prepared for their descension into insanity at any time.

Even their good friends that they had referred to as brothers before had purposefully backed away from them, afraid of standing too close.

“Dandan, don’t worry, nothing will happen to me. I possess a large quantity of pills. The puny mist can’t do anything to me...” said one of the prodigies to a woman beside him with a pale face.

“Shao Qi, keep your distance. Don’t come near me.” A young lady by the name of Dandan screamed and immediately backed away from him, avoiding him like the plague.

Shao Qi’s heart ached. Deep regret filled him. “Dammit. If I had known earlier, I would have chosen to believe Yang Yutian before. I’ve actually forced myself into a state like this just to save a bit of energy. Dammit, dammit!” Shao Qi felt utter regret.

“Young master Jin Hong, what do we do now? What should we do with these sacrificial soldiers who’ve lost control?” The prodigy of the Man family, Man Yunjun, asked sternly. She was a lady who seemed

around twenty years of age. She was good looking and gave off a valiant aura, rather like a person of strong moral character. She was much more outstanding than most of the prodigies present. She was one of the few prodigies who managed to stay composed in the face of this sudden incident.

Jin Hong said nothing, as he himself had no idea how to handle this situation. He felt like he was stuck between a rock and a hard place.

He had already tried to wake up these insane sacrificial soldiers, but it was impossible. If they tried to suppress them with force, they would clearly need to pay an extravagant price. As a matter of fact, they might not even succeed in doing so.

However, if they were supposed to kill all of them, it similarly would be a huge loss and a great hit to their forces. They would not be able to deal with the unknown dangers in Hundred Saint City.

“We can’t leave either seeing how we’re pinned down like this. This can’t continue. We have to come up with a way to deal with all of this,” Ping Yisheng of the Empirelotus Sword sect said grimly.

“Our sacrificial soldiers will run out of energy sooner or later, and we still have to deal with the threat of Life-devouring Beasts in our remaining journey. We can’t waste too much energy here,” said Lu Ye of the Greenfields clan.

“It has already come to this point. We’re out of options. Let’s kill all the sacrificial soldiers who have lost control,” said the prodigy of the Darkness clan. He was shrouded in black robes, obscuring his face and giving off a sense of mysteriousness.

He was a quiet person. He maintained an extremely low profile in the group and rarely spoke.

However, no one underestimated him, as he was the king of the night. He might not have been the strongest in open battle, but in terms of assassination, he could send chills down the spines of all cultivators at the same level as him.

“That’s a good idea. We need to take action immediately. We’ve created too great of a disturbance here. If we draw over Life-devouring Beasts, we’ll really be in trouble. If we don’t handle it well, all of us will die here,” someone added immediately.

“No, we can’t kill them. Our clans have painstakingly raised these sacrificial soldiers. We can’t let them die by our own hands. You all understand just how valuable Hundred Tribulations Godking Pills are. If you touch them, the clans behind us will never just turn a blind eye to the whole thing once we leave the World of the Fallen Beast. They’ll definitely demand an explanation,” Gong Ruize said shrilly. He objected immediately. He was extremely nervous.

At that moment, everyone was faced with a tough dilemma. They were stuck with over ten thousand insane sacrificial soldiers, unable to leave.

A hundred kilometres away, a huge eagle circled in the air. On its wide back sat Jian Chen. He also frowned. He murmured to himself, “The mist can actually control the minds of Godkings. It’s even more complicated than I imagined it to be.” Jian Chen reached out with one hand, and the space before him warped. Swathes of mist was sucked into his hand, condensing into a thumb-sized bead in the end.

He stared at the bead for a long time before even using the senses of his soul. He examined it closely, inspecting every inch of it in an attempt to find the secret hidden in the mist.

However, the secret hidden in the mist could not be unraveled so easily. Even with Jian Chen's soul that had mutated after absorbing a strand of Chaotic Force, he found almost nothing after a close inspection. He did not find any leads to nullifying the mist either.

Two hours later, Jian Chen opened his eyes, and the white bead in his hand transformed back into mist, dispersing in the surroundings.

"It seems like the cultivators who have lost control are basically hopeless." Jian Chen shook his head and sighed. He had used the senses of his soul to secretly inspect the souls of the insane sacrificial soldiers in the past, which was why he understood just how troublesome the mist was.

At the very least, there was nothing he could do to save the sacrificial soldiers with his current abilities.

At this moment, a drizzle suddenly descended from the sky, enveloping a range of a hundred kilometres.

No one paid attention to the rain. They all thought it was just regular rain. Jin Hong and the other prodigies were cloaked in energy as well, so the rain directly bounced off them. They did not even get wet.

However, the insane sacrificial soldiers were completely drenched. What no one noticed was that when the rain came into contact with their skin, it actually merged with their bodies quietly, turning into a stream of coolness that fused with their blood, meridians, flesh, and soul.

The stream of coolness seemed to be able to purify certain things in the world. Wherever it passed by, the grey mist in the bodies of the sacrificial soldiers would begin to disperse.

In just a few seconds, the cultivators who had attacked the defensive formations mindless gradually slowed down. Their movements became duller and duller before actually stopping. The green light in their eyes began to fade, allowing their pupils to recover their normal light.

Nearby, the prodigies had just been discussing whether they would kill the mindless sacrificial soldiers or not. They also discovered the strange phenomenon here, so they all looked over, and with that, many of them beamed with joy.

"Look, they've actually woken up, and the light in their eyes have returned to normal. Fantastic, they've finally come to their senses," Chu Jie could not help but cry out as he began to dance in celebration. He was in high spirits.

Not only did the recovery of these people indicate that there was a way to deal with the mist, it also meant that the sacrificial soldiers had returned to their control. There was no need for them to lose their subordinates.

"It's the rain that saved them. The rain can actually subdue the mist." Jin Hong looked at the drizzling sky in surprise.

Chapter 2703: A Mysterious Person

Chu Jie, Kong Feiyang, Zhao Wenbin, and the other prodigies who had absorbed a large quantity of the mist all became excited. The gloom on their faces was completely swept away, and they howled out in utter joy as if they had been given a second life. They began to gulp down the rain greedily.

“W- what did I do just then?”

“I actually attacked my own people. H- how did I end up doing something like that?”

The sacrificial soldiers who had returned to their senses were at a loss. They looked at the blood on their hands and recalled everything that they had done earlier. Their faces immediately paled.

They were only sacrificial soldiers raised by the clans. They knew the rules of the clans extremely well, so they understood the severity of their earlier crimes. They knew how heavy the consequences would be.

Not only would they be destined for death, but even their family and clans would face destruction.

“Young master, spare me, spare me. I had lost my mind earlier. I had no idea what I was doing at all...”

“Have mercy, young master. I had no choice either. I had completely lost control of myself...”

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The sacrificial soldiers all began to beg and plead. They were not afraid of death because they could only live for another century at most. It was mostly because of the people they were attached to.

Some of them had families, wives, or clans. They had only committed themselves to such a reluctant cause because of their circumstances, selling themselves to the peak clans. They trapped themselves in slavery and were raised by the clans as sacrificial soldiers with Hundred Tribulations Godking Pills.

Jin Hong glanced past these sacrificial soldiers and hesitated slightly before telling the prodigies, “Since they’ve all recovered, reorganise your groups quickly. We can’t stay here. We have to leave as soon as possible.”

“That’s right, that’s right. Even if there are major matters that we need to attend to, we should put them aside and leave here first. The disturbance earlier was so great that it must have alarmed Life-devouring Beasts in the distance. There might be a great swarm of them hurrying over here right now. We need to go as quickly as possible.”

Everyone’s hearts tightened when that was mentioned. The prodigies said nothing more and immediately reorganised their groups before hurrying off.

However, after the lesson this time, no one dared to save energy anymore. They all cloaked themselves in energy to avoid the mist.

A hundred kilometres away, Jian Chen stood up on the back of the eagle. He extended his hand towards the direction of the distant group.

With that, space immediately distorted and droplets of rain a hundred kilometres away were retrieved using the Laws of Space, condensing into a thumb-sized bead of water that hovered above his hand.

Jian Chen’s eyes shone as his eyes became piercing. It seemed like he wanted to see through the droplet of water and learn the secrets that it was hiding.

However, he found nothing out of the ordinary. It was just normal rainwater. Jian Chen would have never believed that this rainwater could help the sacrificial soldiers recover.

According to his understanding, ordinary rain could do nothing to the mist.

“No, it’s not because of the rain,” a thought flashed through Jian Chen’s head. He could clearly sense that the rainwater he had gathered just now was slightly different from the rain that had helped the sacrificial soldiers return to their senses. They seemed to be two different substances.

Jian Chen extended his hand again. In order to get to the bottom of this, he could not care too much. He planned on retrieving the rainwater directly from the sacrificial soldiers.

Jian Chen suddenly began to fade. He became transparent, and his figure grew fainter and fainter. In just five seconds, he had vanished completely.

When he vanished, the eagle beneath him glanced backwards. There was some confusion within its dull eyes because it could sense that Jian Chen was still standing on it, except it could no longer see him.

Jian Chen had used the Laws of Space to meld into the space there. Afterwards, he arrived before a sacrificial soldier a hundred kilometres away. He gently brushed the sacrificial soldier’s shoulders with his hidden hand, and the rainwater on him immediately vanished, ending up with Jian Chen.

However, the moment the rainwater entered Jian Chen’s hands, he frowned.

After his soul had fused with a strand of true Chaotic Force, it was no longer the same as before. His senses were exceptionally sharp, allowing him to sense things that even experts stronger than him could not discover. He could clearly tell that the rainwater had undergone a slight change right before it ended up in his hands.

It felt like something within the rainwater had suddenly vanished.

“Just as I had suspected. The thing that made these people recover isn’t the rain but something within the rain. The rain is probably just a cover,” Jian Chen thought. This discovery shocked him. He could not help but wonder whether the rain had fallen naturally or if someone was behind it all.

However, what he did not understand was that if the rain was natural, why would there be such a coincidence? Why did the wondrous substance in the rain suddenly vanish when he wanted to inspect the rain? Moreover, why did it have to use the rain as a cover?

However, if this were all man-made, just who would possess the ability to fool his sense in the World of the Fallen Beast that only allowed those below a thousand years of age to enter?

If it were someone from the Darkstar race, the strongest would only be the Darkstar Emperor. Although he might not be the Darkstar Emperor’s opponent if they began fighting, Jian Chen was confident that the Darkstar Emperor would not be able to hide anything from him.

At that moment, Jian Chen remained standing where he was, deep in thought. Ideas constantly flashed through his head, and his expression varied as well. Only when the group had long departed the area did he leave, returning to the eagle.

After Jian Chen left, an illusionary figure suddenly appeared in the nearby forest. The figure was condensed from the power of the soul. It was only possible to roughly make out the outline of a man. He was slender, but his face was all a blur.

The illusionary man hovered in the air and looked in Jian Chen's direction. He seemed to be able to see the figure that had returned to the back of the eagle a hundred kilometres away.

"Jian Chen, this saint has heard about you many times from Heartless. Now that I've seen you, you really might have some exceptional areas. After all, you're able to sense what's up with the rain. However, so what if you can do that? How would a mere Infinite Prime like you see through my methods when I personally take action?" The illusionary man murmured to himself as he stared at Jian Chen. There was admiration in his tone but scorn as well.

He seemed to be scornful towards Infinite Primes, completely looking down on them.

As for Jian Chen, he failed to sense anything the entire time. Even when he constantly enveloped the surrounding region with the senses of his soul, even when the illusionary man stood in that range, Jian Chen failed to discover him at all.

Afterwards, the illusionary man gazed in the direction of Jin Hong's group again and murmured, "You may be weak, unable to create a single wave in the Saints' World, but you have enough strength to be treated with precaution by the Darkstar race. The formations composed of the sacrificial soldiers can even unleash the strength of First or Second Heavenly Layer Infinite Primes. It's enough to create a storm among the Darkstar race."

"The great ceremony of the Darkstar race is about to begin. The ceremony cannot succeed. If it were just Jian Chen, I would still be a little worried, but with you, there'll be an even greater chance at disrupting the ceremony."

Chapter 2704: A Primordial Realm Life-devouring Beast

The man's figure slowly faded away. It was as if he had become a part of the world again. His methods were so strange that no one could sense his existence.

A hundred kilometres away, the huge eagle circled around at a low altitude. It would sweep past the canopy of trees from time to time and bring about a great gust of wind, stripping leaves from the trees and causing them to be blown about in the air. As a matter of fact, some of the smaller trees were directly uprooted, swept into the air.

The vague pressure that belonged to a beast king radiated from the eagle, causing some Life-devouring beasts hidden in the forest to flee.

Weaker Life-devouring Beasts lacked self-consciousness and a sense of fear or dread, which was why cultivators could not deter them from attacking. However, the beast king's presence from the eagle invoked a sense of fear that was embedded in their very bloodline.

As a result, wherever the eagle flew by, a mess would occur in the forests below. Many Life-devouring Beasts would flee into the distance to get away from the eagle.

Jian Chen sat on the eagle's back quietly as he continued to ponder.

Due to the uniqueness of his soul, he had managed to find something off about the rain. Even though he was unable to confirm anything, he had already begun to suspect that the rain was not natural. Rather, it was likely caused by someone. The rain had been contaminated by some strange substance as well, which could nullify the side effects of the mist. As a result, the sacrificial soldiers recovered.

Most importantly, whenever Jian Chen tried to collect the substance in the rain, it would suddenly vanish. Hence, the rain would be reduced to normal rainwater in his hands.

Jian Chen refused to believe that the substance was self-conscious and had automatically avoided him. Since that was the case, only one possibility remained—an expert who was far more powerful than Jian Chen was secretly controlling everything.

Such a matter would have been nothing surprising if this had happened in the outside world, but this was the World of the Fallen Beast, a place filled with the supreme will of the Grand Exalts of the Wood Spirits and the Darkstar race. Only outsiders below the age of a thousand years could enter. Meanwhile, the people of the Darkstar race were suppressed by the supreme will of the Grand Exalt from the Wood Spirits, preventing them from breaking through to Chaotic Prime. The Ninth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime was the maximum cultivation they could possess in the World of the Fallen Beast.

In such a special miniature world, how was it possible for an expert who could fool his senses to exist?

This was a question Jian Chen could not answer.

As a result, he was doubtful and very confused at the same time.

He refused to believe that a supreme expert who could fool everybody and sneak in here against the wills of the two Grand Exalts existed.

As his understanding of the World of the Fallen Beast increased, he gained the impression that let alone Grand Primes, but even sovereigns of the world who had basically become part of the laws of the world would have to endure the wills of the two Grand Exalts if they wanted to enter here.

Even exceptional people on the same level as the two Grand Exalts would have to face this, let alone people below Grand Exalt.

“Whatever, let’s not think about this for now. I need to get out of here as quickly as possible. After that, I need to find a way to save Sacredfeather.” Jian Chen exhaled deeply and cleared his head.

Roar!

Suddenly, the tremendous roar of a beast rang out with the might of a beast king.

A huge, three-eyed tiger stood proudly on a large rock up ahead, staring at the incoming eagle with hostility.

This was another late Godking Life-devouring Beast king. The region here clearly belonged to it. Under Jian Chen’s control, the eagle had already intruded upon its territory.

The eagle froze up slightly when it saw the tiger, and it could not help but slow down. Deep fear filled its dull eyes.

“What are you afraid of? Fly over there.” Jian Chen slapped the back of the eagle and surging energy appeared, enveloping the entire eagle. Afterwards, the eagle flew towards the tiger helplessly.

Jian Chen constantly paid attention to the group behind him. They travelled in a straight path. This was a place where the group had to pass by, so he needed to clear the obstacles in their way so that they could make it out of the Two World Mountains as soon as possible.

As if it had been provoked, the tiger fell into a rage. It let out a deafening roar that reverberated outwards as sound waves, disintegrating all the vegetation within a range of ten kilometres. Even the rocks that formed the ground cracked.

Jian Chen waved his hand, and the space behind him immediately twisted. He had already cast down a spatial barrier in the surroundings to prevent the roar from making it out. Otherwise, the group would definitely hear the tiger’s roar. Once they knew there was a Life-devouring Beast king up ahead, they would surely change directions and waste even more time.

At this moment, the third eye on the tiger’s forehead suddenly opened. A beam of green light shot over with unbelievable speed.

The eagle shuddered violently. It seemed to be familiar with the tiger’s third eye. As the green beam shot over, it instinctively tried to turn around and flee.

“Hmm? It actually carries the power of the Laws of Curses.” Jian Chen was surprised before suddenly focusing on the incoming beam of light. When he gazed over, the beam of light suddenly froze in the air.

No, calling it frozen would be wrong. The beam of light continued onwards, except it moved at a snail-like pace; it was so slow that it seemed like it had halted.

“This Life-devouring Beast king is quite powerful, especially that beam of light with the Laws of Curses. The attack is powerful enough to threaten most supreme prodigies on the Godkings’ Throne. No wonder the eagle wanted to flee as soon as it saw it. It seems like the eagle has suffered because of this tiger before,” Jian Chen murmured to himself before gently pointing at the tiger. He called out, “Destroy!”

With that, the beam of light suddenly collapsed. Subsequently, the tiger itself exploded.

At this moment, Jian Chen suddenly frowned and suddenly looked at where the tiger had died.

A shadow suddenly rose up from there before gradually condensing into the figure of a huge beast. The beast was also a three-eyed tiger, except it was much larger, like a mountain. Its presence was earth-shaking as well, hundreds of times stronger than the Life-devouring Beast king.

It stared straight at Jian Chen like it wanted to burn Jian Chen’s presence into its brain.

“A Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast. I never thought the Life-devouring Beast king I just killed had backing.” Jian Chen sat on the eagle’s back and looked at the huge figure calmly.

However, the eagle below him had already begun to tremble in fear. Its wings had stopped working. If it were not for the fact that it was under Jian Chen’s control, it probably would have fallen down already.

“I will come for you. Disperse,” Jian Chen looked at the large figure and said calmly. Afterwards, he waved his hand gently, and the figure suddenly collapsed.

Chapter 2705: A Clash between the Powerful (One)

The tremendous figure was not the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast. Rather, it was something similar to a strand of its soul. As a result, Jian Chen could easily disperse it.

With Jian Chen's current strength, very few Infinite Primes could pose a threat to him. With the Life-devouring Beast's strength, it would struggle to oppose Jian Chen even if it were personally present, so let alone a strand of its soul.

Right after Jian Chen dispersed the figure, an earth-shaking roar suddenly rang out in a dense forest beyond the range of Jian Chen's senses. The terrifying roar shook up the surrounding mountains, causing the ground to crack. It spread out as sound waves, destroying all life within a range of a hundred kilometres.

Within a cave reinforced by special energy, a huge, shadowy figure flashed and appeared outside.

It was an extremely large grey tiger that was a total of a hundred metres in length. It also had a third eye at the centre of its forehead. The eye was tightly closed such that it only seemed like a slit.

The tiger seemed exactly the same as the one Jian Chen had just slain; the only difference was its size and strength.

With a single movement, terrifying energy erupted from the tiger's body, and the surroundings boomed. Several mountains collapsed from the energy.

Its eyes were filled with fury and hatred as it glared in Jian Chen's direction. Even though it was millions of kilometres away, it still seemed to be able to lock onto Jian Chen's presence with flawless precision.

Afterwards, it leapt, resulting in an explosion in the air. The entire space there shuddered and twisted. The Infinite Prime tiger seemed to smash through space, having vanished already as it travelled towards Jian Chen with speed that did not belong to an Infinite Prime.

It was so fast that it did not take too long to cover the millions of kilometres between them.

In just a few seconds, the tiger's tremendous presence appeared within the range of Jian Chen's senses. It basically crossed tens of thousand kilometers at every moment.

"I was just about to go look for you, but you've actually come to me instead," Jian Chen murmured to himself when he sensed the tiger's movements. He was completely calm, glancing at the group a hundred kilometres away before controlling the eagle to fly towards the tiger without any hesitation at all.

He needed to stop the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast a certain distance from the group.

The eagle flapped its wings and flew as quickly as it could. The surrounding space constantly twisted as if it were being folded, allowing the eagle to cover ground over a hundred times faster than normal.

Elsewhere, the huge group composed of members of the various clans continued to make their way through the dense thicket quickly. All of them were on high alert, ready for any sudden attacks from Life-devouring Beasts. None of them, including Jin Hong, could sense the Primordial realm Life-

devouring Beast currently heading in their direction; this was a beast that was enough to cause them to pale.

At the forefront of the group, He Qianqian stood with the other prodigies. She constantly took out the divine hall Jian Chen had handed her. She would check if the strand of soul remained in there so that she could confirm Jian Chen's status.

When she sensed that the strand of Jian Chen's soul remained, she could not help but feel relieved. At the very least, she knew that Jian Chen was still alive.

However, she soon thought of something and could not help but begin to worry. She thought to herself, "We've already travelled for such a long time. We're nowhere near where we separated anymore. Yang Yutian, are you able to cross such a great distance and catch up to us?"

"He Qianqian, is the strand of Yang Yutian's soul still there?" Suddenly, Jin Hong looked back at He Qianqian and asked her.

He Qianqian nodded and said nothing. Jin Hong saw that and could not help but smile. "Just as I had suspected. Yang Yutian really isn't a person that could die so easily. I think he should be able to catch up to us easily with his Laws of Space."

"It's all because of Yang Yutian's sacrifice that we were able to escape this time. He had selflessly drawn away the Life-devouring Beast king, so he must be in great danger right now. If I can still see him again once we make it out of the Two World Mountains, I will definitely thank him properly," said the prodigy of the Empirelotus Sword sect.

"Yang Yutian is a man of great character. In order to make enough time for us, he had gone as far as to sacrifice himself and face the late Godking Life-devouring Beast king alone. That alone has filled me with admiration towards him. I must definitely treasure a friend like this," added the prodigy of the Scarlet Light clan, Guang Wanhua. He felt admiration from the bottom of his heart.

Many of them were touched by Jian Chen's actions. They all felt that he was the reason why they could escape and that they owed him a huge favour. They were grateful towards him.

Of course, not everyone was like that. A few people remained indifferent. From the bottom of their hearts, they looked down on Jian Chen because of his status as an independent cultivator. They all believed that they were superior and matters that involved risk and potential death were supposed to be done by independent cultivators or servants.

"I think that you're all overestimating Yang Yutian. With his Laws of Space, he can avoid the Life-devouring Beast king temporarily, but don't forget that using the power of laws will consume one's power of the soul. Unlike origin energy, power of the soul can't be recovered by absorbing divine crystals. Once the power of his soul is completely depleted, it will probably be his end," Gong Ruize was disgruntled by everyone's praise of Jian Chen because he held resentment towards the latter, so he added coldly.

"That's right. In my opinion, even if Yang Yutian is still alive, he probably has a foot planted in the grave. He's probably running around the Two World Mountains like a dog. Let alone seeing him in the future,

he'll probably have all of his life force sucked dry by a Life-devouring Beast just like the dead sacrificial soldiers soon," Chu Jie added venomously.

"Chu Jie, shut your mouth. The reason why we were able to escape from the Life-devouring Beast king was all because of Yang Yutian. He basically saved us." He Qianqian looked at Chu Jie furiously with a sunken face.

"He saved us all? Do you think he has that ability?" Chu Jie was scornful.

At this moment, a tiger's roar rang out from the horizon. Coupled with it were pulses of energy and pressure from who knows how far away.

Even though the energy and pressure had become extremely faint after travelling such a great distance, all of the prodigies present were knowledgeable, so they immediately sensed an energy that was beyond Godhood cultivators from the pressure.

"The Primordial realm! It's at the Primordial realm! Oh no, the pressure comes from the Primordial realm!" Ping Yisheng of the Empirelotus sword sect suddenly paled. He had come into contact with many Primordial realm experts in his sect. He had an extremely deep impression of the unique presence and energy that Primordial realm experts possessed.

"It's a Life-devouring Beast. That's the roar of a Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast..."

"There are Primordial realm experts fighting in the distance..."

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Immediately, everyone's expressions change drastically, as they would not be able to put up any resistance against a Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast. The formations of Godking sacrificial soldiers would bring about no benefits at all.

With the strength of Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts, their ability to devour life would be so powerful that even if they were several kilometres or several dozen kilometres away, their bodies would still be drained clean in an extremely short amount of time.

With the appearance of the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast, everyone apart from Jin Hong became afraid. However, even Jin Hong became extremely stern.

Chapter 2706: A Clash between the Powerful (Two)

"By the looks of things, it's a battle between two Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts. If that's the case, we don't have to worry too much."

"That's right. Although the senses of Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts span an extremely wide range, they must devote all of their efforts to the battle since they've encountered an opponent at the same level. It won't be able to discover us from so far away."

Some prodigies could tell that something was off from the weak pulses of energy, and they immediately calmed down significantly.

This was because they had already determined that the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast in the distance was unable to pose any threat to them temporarily. They would not have to face off against it.

“In the intense battle between the two, one side will definitely suffer injuries. Perhaps, both of them will become heavily wounded. Should we go over and check on the situation there? We might be able to benefit unexpectedly. The remains of Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts are a priceless treasure,” said a prodigy as his eyes shone with excitement and greed.

When the others heard him, some of their faces immediately darkened. They stared at the person with displeasure. They would not even be able to escape from Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts, yet there was actually a person reckless enough to want to approach them. Were they tired of living?

Of course, not everyone responded in the same manner. The eyes of a few prodigies lit up. They were ready to risk it. “That’s not a bad idea. Although the devouring abilities of Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts are extremely powerful, it’s limited to a certain range. As long as we remain further away, they won’t be able to do anything to us. Moreover, they’ve met an opponent their equal right now. They’re focusing on the battle, so they will have minimal awareness of their surroundings. It’ll make it even more difficult for them to discover us.”

“Everyone, think about it. Just how precious are the remains of Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts? If you add a bit of their remains when refining high quality God Tier pills, both their efficacy and quality will increase. Once God Tier pills reach high quality, they’re already priceless. Hence, I think that all of you understand just how valuable they’ll become with even the slightest improvement of efficacy.”

“Risk comes with reward. Before us is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

The prodigies who were tempted by the remains of Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts did their best to convince the group to go hunt down the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts.

The temptation of the remains was simply too great for them. Although it could not directly increase their strength, bringing back a portion of it would warrant merit so great that they might even be personally rewarded by the ancestor. Their status in the clan would rise accordingly.

They were all prodigies from peak clans, but some of them did not possess particularly great status in their clans. They only had some status because one of their ancestors were a great elder.

However, there were plenty of people in the younger generation with greater status. As a matter of fact, there were even a few that the ancestor had placed high hopes on. They were superior in both cultivation speed and battle prowess. However, they were older than a thousand years, which had cost them this opportunity and allowed others to gain the chance to enter the World of the Fallen Beast to demonstrate themselves and contribute to the clan.

As a result, some of them were unable to resist the temptation of the remains of Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts.

There was a difference in substance that existed between the Primordial realm and Godhood. No matter how many remains of Godhood Life-devouring Beasts they obtained, it would be nowhere near as valuable as a thumb-sized chunk of remains from the Primordial realm.

He Qianqian also hesitated. Clearly, she was rather tempted.

The Heavenly Crane clan was in desperate need of Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast remains. They did not need it for a high quality God Tier pill. Rather, they required it for a supreme quality pill that was even greater so that one of their important figures could ingest it.

“The Crane Ancestor still hasn’t recovered from his wounds. Ordinary supreme quality God Tier pills aren’t very effective. Only supreme quality pills with Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast remains might be of some use, as its effects will be amplified,” thought He Qianqian. She understood that these Life-devouring Beasts were basically created by the Grand Exalt of the Wood Spirits. As a result, they contained small fragments of the Grand Exalt’s laws.

This was a form of life force. It would be extremely useful in pills, enough to breathe life into the old.

“Young master Jin Hong, do you think we should risk it?” He Qianqian looked at Jin Hong. She greatly desired some of the flesh, which could be refined into supreme quality God Tier pills to help the Crane Ancestor heal.

“Risk it? Hmph, I’m certain that if we just try to approach that place, we’ll be annihilated. He Qianqian, you seem rather level-headed normally, so why have you become muddle-headed now?” Jin Hong snorted coldly. He glared at the interested people and said with a sunken voice, “Don’t forget, Life-devouring Beasts aren’t cultivators. We might be able to threaten Infinite Primes that are on the brink of death if we work together, but even if Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts are close to dying, they’ll still be able to suck your life force dry from hundreds of kilometres away. If you want to go ahead, I can promise you that you’ll be dead before you can even see the Life-devouring Beast.”

“That’s all I’ll say. Make the decision for yourself. If you still want to try, I won’t stop you.” With that, Jin Hong left with a few people and a large number of sacrificial soldiers. Clearly, he was ready to perform a full retreat, wanting to pull away from the Life-devouring Beasts.

He Qianqian looked in the direction of the disturbance reluctantly. She made up her mind and left with the group.

As for the other prodigies who were tempted by the remains of Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts, their eagerness slowly subsided, and they also left reluctantly while filled with regrets.

Several hundred kilometres away, Jian Chen and the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast met half-way. They did not try to communicate with each other. As soon as the Life-devouring Beast saw Jian Chen, it embroiled in a great battle with him as its eyes burned with hatred.

Jian Chen stood in the air, and light flickered around him. He enveloped himself in the light from his Laws of the Sword such that he seemed like a ball of silver light from afar. His figure was vaguely visible.

He hovered in the air, radiating with surging sword Qi. He was able to rain sword Qi towards the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast with the slightest movement. Everything in his hands became a sword.

The attacks of the Life-devouring Beast were much simpler. It did not use any battle skills or secret techniques, nor did it understand how to use tricks. Its attacks were clearly rather clumsy. It used its claws and sharp teeth.

Although that was the case, it was still of the Primordial realm after all. Its body surged with energy. Even though its use of energy was not very skillful, its strength was extremely shocking everytime it struck out.

Moreover, it constantly gave off a strange suction. The strength of the suction force was shocking, and it especially devoured life force. Even some weaker Infinite Primes would not be able to keep their life force under control if they faced against it, resulting in it all draining away.

“This Life-devouring Beast is roughly at the Third Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime, but it’ll take a Fourth Heavenly Layer expert at the very least to defeat it. It’ll probably be very difficult for anyone below the Third Heavenly Layer to keep their life force under control,” Jian Chen thought as he became rather stern.

With his current cultivation level, he could vaguely sense that his life force was being drained away as he faced against the Life-devouring Beast. He could only keep it locked down when he poured all his efforts into defence, utilising both Chaotic Force and his Laws of the Sword.

His battle prowess completely exceeded the Life-devouring Beast. He had even killed Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Primes in the past with the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways. Now that he was without his sword, some of his strength was lost, but he was still an expert among Infinite Primes.

However, battle prowess was not equivalent to levels of cultivation or comprehension. His cultivation was only roughly the same as the Life-devouring Beast before him.

Chapter 2707: A Clash between the Powerful (Three)

As a result, the Life-devouring Beast’s unique suction force affected Jian Chen to a certain degree.

“With my current level of cultivation, I can kill Sixth Heavenly layer Infinite Primes even without the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways. However, if I come across a Sixth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime Life-devouring Beast, the one to suffer defeat will probably be me,” thought Jian Chen.

Prior to this, the strongest Life-devouring Beasts he had encountered was only peak Godking. To Jian Chen, who had comprehended the Ultimate Way of the Sword, Godkings were no different from ants no matter how extraordinary they were. Once he used the will of the Ultimate Way of the Sword, he could kill them in a split second.

As a result, he had failed to properly recognise the strength of Life-devouring Beasts before. Only now when he faced a Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast did he understand just how troublesome they were.

A mere Third Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime Life-devouring Beast required him to use his full strength to keep his life force under control. If he fought a Fourth or Fifth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime Life-devouring Beast instead, would he still be able to keep his life force from leaking away?

Once he lost control of his life force, it would leak away as he fought. Even with the tremendous life force as a Primordial realm expert, he still would not be able to endure it once the battle became drawn out.

Moreover, Life-devouring Beasts rapidly grew in strength as they devoured life force. As time went on, they would become even more troublesome.

“Infinite Prime is already the highest realm of cultivation in this world. There shouldn’t be a lot of people who have successfully killed an Infinite Prime Life-devouring Beast. If I kill the one before me and take its corpse back to the Saints’ World, it should be extremely precious.” Jian Chen’s eyes gradually lit up as he stared at the Life-devouring Beast that launched attacks furiously. His eyes shone brighter and brighter as he began to think about the possibilities.

He had already heard about how the remains of Life-devouring Beasts were a fantastic material for refining pills. It only needed to be added during the refining process to increase the effects of pills drastically, making them even more effective.

The Tian Yuan clan had already developed to a certain degree now. They had begun to erect something for refining pills as well. It was likely that in the future, a large amount of God Tier pills would flow out of the Tian Yuan clan, so the remains that could strengthen the effects of pills would be a needed item.

When he thought of that, Jian Chen’s eyes suddenly shone with cold killing intent. Originally, he did not plan on killing the Life-devouring Beast. He only wanted to keep it at bay so that it could not pose any threat to the group.

Now, after realising the value of the beast, he immediately changed his mind.

Booms constantly rang out in the forest. Powerful pulses of energy wreaked havoc in the surroundings, flattening all the land within several hundred kilometres. All of the vegetation had either been uprooted by the pulses of energy and blown away or annihilated by the terrifying storms of energy.

Pits appeared in the ground one after another as countless cracks criss-crossed the earth, forming web-like ravines.

This was all created by the Life-devouring Beast. Its every single strike possessed tremendous might, enough to shake the earth. A swing of its paws would result in a huge pit. The collision of its tail whipping against the ground would result in a chasm several dozen kilometres length.

The entire forest was reduced to a mess by its violent attacks. It no longer resembled the past anymore. Countless Life-devouring Beasts fled for their lives.

Hundreds of kilometres away, the eagle that Jian Chen had tamed flapped its wings wildly as well. Its eyes were filled with shock, fleeing for its life as if it were stricken with fear.

On the battlefield, Jian Chen would flicker about. With each flash, he seemed to have teleported to a different location, calmly and easily dodging the Life-devouring Beast’s attacks.

With his current strength, combined with the Laws of Space, he could endure a lifetime’s worth of attacks from the Life-devouring Beast and not have it touch his clothes if he wanted.

Crack!

There was an explosion in the air, and a shadow ripped through the air, whipping towards Jian Chen with lightning speed.

It was the tail of the Life-devouring Beast. The tail spanned several dozens metres in length and flickered with energy. It instantly elongated to over a thousand metres in length when it swung over.

Jian Chen did not worry about such an attack. He had dodged many attacks like that before.

However, he did not dodge like before this time. Instead, he hovered in the air with his head held high and a hand behind his back. His eyes swelled with killing intent.

Just as the tail was about to land on him, he suddenly waved his right hand.

All of a sudden, there was a flash of blinding white light that transformed into a huge strand of sword Qi. Shining with a dazzling glow, it directly chopped towards the incoming tail.

The sword Qi moved extremely quickly; it was to the point where it was indescribable. It seemed to have broken the laws of the world, flashing past the tail with lightning speed.

The huge, powerful tail of the Life-devouring Beast seemed as weak as paper before it. When the sword Qi swept past, the tail was severed.

A huge part of the tail directly fell down. It was two to three hundred metres in length and several metres wide. It collapsed onto the ground like a part of a city's wall.

The tail was a part of the Life-devouring Beast's flesh. It was the treasure that many of the prodigies had desired but lacked the ability to retrieve.

Now, it had just been cut off so easily by Jian Chen, laying on the ground quietly.

A Space Ring immediately flew out from Jian Chen's hand, allowing him to collect the tail.

The flesh of a Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast was worth far more than the flesh of Godhood Life-devouring Beasts. He could not afford to waste a single part of it.

To the other side of the battlefield, the Life-devouring Beast howled in agony after its tail was cut off. Its voice was deep but filled with a sense of madness from the pain.

Not only did the injury fail to strike any fear into its heart, but it had even roused its bestial nature instead. It made it even more crazy and even more bloodthirsty.

It let out a tremendous roar and revealed its sharp canines, biting towards Jian Chen.

At the same time, its life force began to churn. The severed tail grew back at a visible but slow rate.

Jian Chen used his finger as a sword, and a strand of sword Qi shot out. Like a streak of light, it directly shot into the Life-devouring Beast's mouth and pierced its entire body, leaving behind a fist-sized hole.

Such a wound would be rather heavy to cultivators, but it was basically nothing to the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast thanks to its tremendous life force. It was not even enough to scratch an itch.

It made a full recover very quickly with its tremendous life force.

Even Jian Chen's Chaotic Body paled in comparison in terms of regeneration.

“What powerful vitality. It has reached an extremely astounding level.” Even Jian Chen could not help but exclaim. However, he was not surprised, as he knew that the Two World Mountains, along with all the Life-devouring Beasts here, were basically created by the Grand Exalt of the Wood Spirits.

“I won’t be able to kill this Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast as easily as those Godhood Life-devouring Beasts. I can’t sever its life force with a single strike. I have to overwhelm it completely and slice it into pieces faster than it can regenerate. After that, I need to seal up its remains one by one. Only then can I kill it,” Jian Chen thought. Although depleting all of the Life-devouring Beast’s life force would also kill it, the value of these Life-devouring Beasts was in their pure and tremendous life force.

Once all of their life force was depleted, their remains would just become a husk, and their value would plummet as a result.

Chapter 2708: Slain

The main reason why the sacrificial soldiers could kill the Life-devouring Beasts in the large scale battles earlier was because the Life-devouring Beasts had sustained wounds that were simply too severe. Their consumption of life force completely exceeded their speed at devouring life force. Hence, they ran out of life force and die in the end.

Although the remains of Life-devouring Beasts that had died like this would still possess some of their vitality and could also be used for refining pills, the effects would obviously be much worse compared to remains that still possessed their full vitality.

However, Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts were not like Godhood Life-devouring Beasts. There was a tremendous number of Godhood Life-devouring Beasts, so Jian Chen was not concerned with whether some of them still possessed most of their vitality or not. However, Jian Chen treated Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts like treasures, so he obviously hoped to maintain most of their vitality.

“It looks like I have to finish this battle as soon as possible. At the same time, in order to prevent the loss of too much of its life force, I can’t injure it too much. I have to deal a fatal blow every time I harm it. Only then can I kill it as quickly as possible,” thought Jian Chen. He looked at the tail that the Life-devouring Beast had already regrown. He knew that he could not continue using the method of cutting the Life-devouring Beast down one limb at a time.

Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts could recover their limbs far too quickly. They could basically regrow one in just a few seconds, and every time they did that, it would consume some of its life force. Such a matter was not what Jian Chen hoped for.

“It looks like I can only use that move if I want to end the battle quickly.” Jian Chen easily dodged the ball of energy the Life-devouring Beast had spat out. His gaze suddenly sharpened, and a magnificent strand of silver-white sword Qi slowly surged around his right hand.

The strand of sword Qi was not as simple as a pure strand of sword Qi. The power of the ways flowed through it such that it gathered the power of the Laws of the Sword. It was much more powerful than any of Jian Chen’s prior attacks in this battle.

He swung the sword Qi forward gently. With that, the sword Qi, along with half of his arm, vanished. It was as if they had completely melded with space.

In the next moment, the Life-devouring Beast suddenly trembled. Its eyes were filled with pain, and it could not help but emit a heart-wrenching howl. Its tremendous body collapsed onto the ground with a great thud, even shaking up the ground.

After it collapsed, dazzling white light suddenly appeared from its tremendous body. The white light grew brighter and brighter, shining from its body as if it were making its way out by ripping through the Life-devouring Beast's body

The Life-devouring Beasts constantly howled in pain. Its huge body trembled as its life force erupted inside, enveloping it completely. It seemed like it had suffered an extremely severe wound.

This process lasted for just five seconds before the dazzling white light finally emerged from the Life-devouring Beast's body. It was like a sun that had burned its way out, shining luminously. Every ray of light seemed to be composed of sharp blades. Wherever the light passed by, the Life-devouring Beast would be sliced open.

Immediately, the powerful Life-devouring Beast seemed to be struck by thousands of hits. It became riddled with holes, covered in wounds of various sizes. There were so many wounds that its body was close to falling apart. Only some of its flesh still clung to its body such that it was not completely ripped to pieces.

This move was the secret technique that Jian Chen had comprehended himself, the Shadowless Lifetaking Strike!

The Shadowless Lifetaking Strike was an attack utilising a fusion between the Laws of the Sword and the Laws of Space. It could bypass any distance, any obstacle and all defences, directly appearing in the body of the enemy and attacking from the inside out.

This strike was so powerful that Jian Chen had directly killed a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime with it when he wielded the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways.

Although he no longer had his sword, so the secret technique was weakened as a result, it was still plenty to deal with a Third Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime.

As a result, that move alone had pushed the Life-devouring Beast to the edge of death. It was close to dying.

If it were an ordinary Infinite Prime, it would have died immediately. It only survived thanks to its tenacious vitality.

However, in the next moment, the Life-devouring Beast began to struggle to its feet. Its surroundings were filled with dense life force. Wrapped by the vitality, its wounds recovered rapidly.

"I can't let you waste so much vitality," Jian Chen murmured. He felt slightly dizzy and understood that he could not use the Shadowless Lifetaking Strike frequently.

The stronger the battle skill or secret technique, the greater the cost of using it. Even some Grand Primes could not withstand peak God Tier Battle Skills. The Shadowless Lifetaking Strike was incredibly powerful, so its associated cost was obviously high.

With a flash, Jian Chen immediately arrived before the Life-devouring Beast and swung down at its spine with powerful sword Qi.

The Life-devouring Beast was close to falling apart. Most of its flesh had been cut off, with only a bare minimum holding it together. With Jian Chen's attack, its body immediately split in half along the waist.

Jian Chen jolted his hand, and the sword condensed from sword Qi in his hand suddenly shot out as a series of blurs. Immediately, the latter half of the Life-devouring Beast's huge body was cut into hundreds of pieces. Afterwards, strands of Chaotic Force shot out from his hand, sealing up the pieces of flesh one by one and cutting off their connection with one another to prevent the vitality in them from flowing away. At the same time, he cut off the possibility of the flesh reconstructing back together.

With the pieces sealed up, the Life-devouring Beast immediately lost its connection with that portion of its body. It finally felt a tinge of fear, along with a raging fury.

Suddenly, a strange pulse appeared. The closed eye on its forehead finally opened slowly as it faced the threat of death.

The eye did not open very quickly, but a pulse of energy that completely surpassed the Life-devouring Beast's cultivation suddenly exploded from the eye as it opened.

It twisted its head, and the third eye immediately locked onto Jian Chen. An inky green light shot out with unbelievable speed.

Jian Chen immediately felt a great restraining force appear out of nowhere. However, against his current battle prowess, such a restraining force was nothing. Only when he faced the incoming beam of green light did he feel somewhat interested.

"The power of the eye is enough to rival Fifth Heavenly Layer Infinite Primes. Among Infinite Primes, that's basically as good as it gets." Jian Chen swung his hand and produced a strand of sword Qi, shattering the beam of light.

Given his current level of strength, he could kill Sixth Heavenly Layer Infinite Primes without using the Nine Star Sword of Heavenly Ways. An attack at the Fifth Heavenly Layer obviously could not threaten him.

After using its trump card, the Life-devouring Beast became haggard. Clearly, using the move took an extremely great toll on it.

Jian Chen took advantage of this opportunity and immediately launched a full-strength attack. A shining white strand of sword Qi slashed down at its forehead, splitting the upper half of the Life-devouring Beast into quarters.

At a time like this, the Life-devouring Beast had completely lost the ability to fight back. Even its powerful life force was useless, unable to heal its wounds.

Jian Chen's attack was simply too powerful. Every attack wreaked fatal damage. In no way could it recover as quickly as Jian Chen destroyed it.

At the same time, Jian Chen was sealing up the pieces as he destroyed the beast, which only made matters worse for the Life-devouring Beast. In a few seconds, the Third Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime Life-devouring Beast completely died off. All of its remains were sealed up by Jian Chen before being tossed into a Space Ring.

Chapter 2709: Seeing the Light of Day Once More

"Infinite Primes are the most powerful existences in the World of the Fallen Beast, and it's even rarer to have experts who can kill Infinite Prime Life-devouring Beasts. There must only be a handful of them in the World of the Fallen Beast. I wonder how many Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts have died before I killed this one."

"Maybe this is the first Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast to die. If that really is the case, its remains will truly be priceless in the outside world." Jian Chen studied the remains that filled an entire Space Ring in satisfaction as he pondered to himself. He was not in need of wealth. After all, when he destroyed the Gloomwater sect, he had already obtained the tremendous wealth of a peak sect. After the chaos on the Cloud Plane, he had been allocated a portion of the Four Symbols Alliance's wealth as well.

As a matter of fact, Jian Chen had obtained a portion of the resources within the Space Rings of the Grand Primes that his seniors from the Martial Soul lineage had killed.

The resources that Grand Primes possessed were so plentiful that it was beyond the imagination of ordinary cultivators. The resources accumulated by a peak organisation over many years were also unbelievably plentiful. So much wealth gathered together could sustain the Tian Yuan clan for several tens of thousands of years even at the rate that the clan was consuming it.

As a result, he was not in need of cultivation resources or wealth. He did not plan on selling the remains of the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast. Instead, he wanted to use it for his clan.

The value and scarcity of pills refined from the remains of Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts were self-evident. It could strengthen the effects of God Tier pills by thirty percent. It was impossible for any organisation to have too much of it.

"However, I do need to clean up the battlefield. I need to cover it up as a battle between two Primordial realm Life-devouring Beasts. Otherwise, the Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race will immediately deduce that an Infinite Prime has come in from the outside world with their smarts when they discover this place. If they prepare themselves because of this, it'll be detrimental to what I'm doing next." Jian Chen glanced past the battlefield that spanned several dozen kilometres. The light in his eyes flickered before he immediately began the clean up. He arranged things around to cover up the traces of battle, erasing all traces of the Laws of the Sword.

Moreover, he used his mastery over the Laws of Space to forcefully disturb the space there. That way, even if the Primordial realm experts from the Darkstar race turned back time to see the past, they would still find nothing.

This would be the case unless there were stronger Chaotic Primes or Grand Primes among the Darkstar race, as only experts like that could spot problems in the space that Jian Chen had disturbed when they turned back time.

Although it was rather unlikely for the Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race to come to the centre of the Two World Mountains, Jian Chen was preparing for the worst case scenario.

After cleaning up the battlefield, Jian Chen checked through it all closely once more. Only after confirming that he had missed nothing did he leave.

Several thousand kilometres away, the eagle that Jian Chen had tamed currently stood high up on the crown of a tree. It stared in the direction of Jian Chen and the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast's battle.

As a late Godking Life-devouring Beast king, the eagle possessed a certain level of intelligence. It understood the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast's strength very well. According to its knowledge, that Life-devouring Beast was the ruler and sovereign of this piece of land. It was the absolute existence, so strong that it was undefeatable.

Now, that human had clashed with the ruler of this land. It seemed to want to see whether the powerful human was the ruler's opponent or not.

However, due to the ruler's terrifying pressure, the eagle was either afraid of being caught up in the battle or displeasing the ruler, so it flew far away to several thousand kilometres away. It was unable to see anything on the battlefield from so far away because the mist had blocked everything. It could only sense the terrifying pulses of energy from afar and the ruler's constant roars of anger and howls of pain.

"You didn't actually leave. Have you been waiting here for me to return?" As the eagle focused on the direction of the battle, a rather familiar voice suddenly rang out from behind it.

Afterwards, the eagle sensed that a person had appeared silently on its back.

The person was Jian Chen. Jian Chen had appeared on the eagle's back like he had teleported through the wondrous Laws of Space.

Jian Chen's sudden appearance frightened the eagle rather significantly. Its tremendous body suddenly shuddered, and it began to tremble heavily. It shook off quite a few leaves from the tree below as it almost lost its balance and fell down. Fortunately, it flapped its wings to stabilise itself in time.

The eagle suddenly turned its head around and stared at the figure who just stood on its back. The human had returned, while the absolute ruler of the land had fallen silent...

Although the eagle was not particularly intelligent, it was not exactly dumb either. The circumstances had allowed it to understand something, which made its heart tremble even more.

Jian Chen looked at the eagle and could not help but smile. "It looks like you've grown accustomed to being my mount. Whatever, I won't mistreat you. Once I leave this place in a few days' time, I'll give you something fantastic." As Jian Chen said that, he kicked his foot gently. The eagle obliged, and without the slightest hesitation, it immediately flapped its huge wings, taking off with a massive gust of wind. It flew off into the distance, far more obedient than before.

For the next few days, Jian Chen continued to lurk in the shadows with the eagle. He continued to clear obstacles for the group, playing the role of an unknown guardian.

Of course, he did not eliminate all the Life-devouring Beasts along the way, just the stronger ones that would delay the group. In order to prevent the more cautious people in the group from spotting anything that would give him away, he even purposefully sent a few weaker Life-devouring Beasts over to reduce their suspicion.

In the blink of an eye, another half a month passed by. On this day, Jian Chen seemed to discover something as he rested on the eagle's back lazily and hummed to himself. He suddenly opened his eyes and shot up, staring into the distance in interest.

Once in a while, the senses of his soul would expand so that he could inspect the surroundings to see whether there were any Life-devouring Beasts that could pose a threat to the group. Just when he expanded his senses once more, he discovered that the mist was actually thinning out several million kilometres away.

Jian Chen immediately understood that they were about to leave the Two World Mountains from this.

This made Jian Chen strangely excited. Afterwards, he used the Laws of Space to leave. He constantly flickered through the trees and mountains. With each flash, he would cover a million kilometres. Hence, after just a few flashes, he had appeared several million kilometres away where the mist was thinning.

Standing in this region, Jian Chen could clearly sense that the mist's impact on the senses of his soul was weakening. He immediately expanded it as far as he could.

After a short moment, the senses of his soul surpassed the ten million kilometres limit when he was in the mist. It reached fifteen million kilometres and continued onwards, enveloping a larger and larger area.

Eighteen million kilometres...

Twenty million kilometres...

Twenty-five million kilometres...

Thirty million kilometres.

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In the end, Jian Chen reached his limit at a total of thirty-eight million kilometres.

That was almost four times his range while within the mist.

Of course, that was not the limit of a Primordial realm expert. A Grand Prime could easily envelope an entire plane or even more than that.

A Chaotic Prime could envelope an entire region, which would be a fifth of a plane's area.

How wide was a region? That was something that would be measured using units of billions of kilometres, and that was only the unit of measurement.

Although an Infinite Prime was not as great as a Chaotic Prime, an Infinite Prime could normally envelope much more than forty-five million kilometres, not to mention that Jian Chen's soul was not ordinary.

"The mist is not the only thing suppressing the senses of the soul. There's the world as well. In the World of the Fallen Beast, the senses of the soul can only cover a range of around half of its capability in the outside world or even less than that. Is that because of the will of the Grand Exalts?" Jian Chen wondered.

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"I just wonder if the restraint on the senses of the soul only affects us outsiders or the Darkstar race as well."

"Besides, when the laws operate here, there isn't the same full and mellow feeling one experiences in the Saints' World. If I do anything here, the physical toll of using the power of laws is fifty percent greater than in the Two World Mountains." Jian Chen closed his eyes to sense the surroundings and could not help but frown.

Using the power of laws depleted the power of the soul. If he fought here, the power of his soul would run out much faster than in the outside world.

He discovered that after leaving the Two World Mountains, the restrictions had increased instead.

"Hundred Saint City is actually there!"

Twenty million kilometres away from the Two World Mountains, Jian Chen finally found the Hundred Saint City that the group behind him was searching for.

He had learnt a little about the origins of the Hundred Saint City from He Qianqian. It was a city erected over many years through the combined efforts of many peak organisations of the Saints' World. It had taken up a tremendous amount of wealth and resources.

The city was the main base that the peak organisations had created in the World of the Fallen Beast. It was the only footing they had here. Not only was it a safe haven, but it was also a centre of trade.

Due to the unique characteristics of the World of the Fallen Beast, many rare items that could not be found in the Saints' World would appear here. Even many peak clans of the Saints' World were unable to ignore some of the resources, with the remains of Life-devouring Beasts being of particular note. They were extremely precious.

Based on the same logic, there were many cultivation and heavenly resources that the Darkstar race needed from the Saints' World. These would not appear in the World of the Fallen Beast and could only be imported from the outside world.

As a result, the Hundred Saint City became the place of trade between the many organisations of the Saints' World and the Darkstar race. The people of the two worlds engaged in exchange for what they needed.

Now, after Jian Chen finally saw the Hundred Saint City, he was slightly shocked.

This was because the Hundred Saint City was not just a simple city. Inspecting it with his powerful senses, he could tell with a single glance that it was actually a god artifact.

This was a god artifact that had reached the limits of low quality, and it was almost on par with medium quality god artifacts.

If it were just a low quality god artifact, it would not have been enough to elicit Jian Chen's current reaction. What really opened Jian Chen's eyes was that the city was actually constructed from hundreds of thousands or maybe even over a million high quality and supreme quality saint artifacts.

No, not constructed. It was more like something assembled and put together.

The frame of the grand city gates was composed of a single supreme quality saint artifact. The two planks that formed the gate was each a supreme quality saint artifact as well.

The gate tower above the gate was assembled from over a dozen supreme quality saint artifacts. Meanwhile, every brick that formed the long walls was a high quality saint artifact.

All these high quality and supreme quality saint artifacts were joined together through a large formation, allowing them to unite their strength into one. It was perfect, which was why it was transformed into a god artifact.

Of course, this was not a true god artifact. However, it possessed all the power that god artifacts would.

The extraordinary craftsmanship allowed all the saint artifacts to fall into place perfectly; it was like they were truly a single piece. It was impossible to find any flaws in the entire structure. It was basically a perfect piece of art.

"So many saint artifacts have been brought in from the outside world individually. They only needed to be placed down accurately, and all their power can be combined into a god artifact. What extravagancy, what exquisite craftsmanship. The person who created this city must have reached a level of mastery in regards to their comprehension of forging items." Jian Chen could not help but sigh in surprise. Under the circumstances where god artifacts were forbidden from being taken in, they were still able to create a city like this. It was truly admirable.

The various descendants of the peak clans could maintain a certain level of authority in this world dominated by the Darkstar race even without Primordial realm experts thanks to the protection of such a powerful city.

However, at this time, the Hundred Saint City clearly seemed to be facing a bad situation. From twenty million kilometres away, Jian Chen could see exactly what was happening through the senses of his soul.

The four city gates were tightly closed, while the city walls and the streets of the city were covered with blood. Many bodies lay in pools of blood; they completely lacked any presence and were clearly already dead.

From their attires, Jian Chen could tell that all of these cultivators came from the various peak clans of the Saints' World. All of them had been slaughtered mercilessly, reduced to cold corpses.

Groups of cultivators in black clothes could be seen patrolling the streets of the city constantly. They were not humans. All of them possessed a dark star on their forehead.

These cultivators were clearly from the Darkstar race.

The entire Hundred Saint City had already fallen into the hands of the Darkstar race. There were no longer any descendants of the peak organisations. Only a few independent cultivators hid in some of the inns as they trembled.

These independent cultivators clearly were not the targets of the Darkstar race.

“The people of the Darkstar race actually possess the method to control the Hundred Saint City. They have Primordial realm experts as well. It looks like it won’t be easy for Jin Hong and the others to take back the city. They might even fail.” Jian Chen sighed secretly. Even though the various clans had sent in many sacrificial soldiers, he did not believe that these sacrificial soldiers were enough to contend with the Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race even though they could unleash strength at the Primordial realm through their formations.

A difference in strength existed even among Infinite Primes. The Darkstar race definitely would have powerful Primordial realm experts, while the formations from the sacrificial soldiers could only equate to a few weaker Infinite Primes.

Jian Chen did not stay there for too long. He withdrew the senses of his soul and returned to the Two World Mountains. With a few flashes, he returned to the back of the eagle.

Since he had made his way out of the Two World Mountains already, he no longer needed the group to lead the way. However, the group was clearly still in danger. According to their pace, they would still need two or three days to make it out.

“I’ll be leaving soon. However, as you’ve served as my mount during this period of time, you’ve worked hard even if it’s not exactly meritorious. I did say that I’ll give you something good when I leave,” Jian Chen said calmly as he stood on the back of the eagle.

Afterwards, he waved his hand, and a large clump of flesh and blood flew out from his Space Ring. An invisible force wrapped around it, bringing it before the eagle.

This was the remains of a Life-devouring Beast, and it was not just any Life-devouring Beast. These remains came from the Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast he had killed earlier.

Moreover, this was not just any clump of flesh and blood either. It came from the Life-devouring Beast’s brain.

This part was too foul to be used for refining pills. There were far too many impurities, and the vitality it contained was actually less than other parts. It required further refining before it could be used.

However, for late Godking Life-devouring Beast kings, such an item was the ultimate nourishment.