

## Chaotic 2821

### Chapter 2821: The Fifth Divine Hall's Promise

However, Jian Chen soon understood what had happened. He had told Jin Hong that something big would be happening in the Darkstar race soon, and he had told Jin Hong to tell He Qianqian to leave the Darkstar race back then.

However, what was his identity back then? He was merely a backgroundless independent cultivator, and it was the first time he had entered the Darkstar World too. He was clearly out of his mind if he thought he could make these prodigies from peak organisations leave with a simple word.

Jin Hong had left because he obtained the droplet of Grand Exalt's essence blood from him. From his perspective, refining the Grand Exalt's essence blood was clearly even more important than what he could gain from the Darkstar race.

As for He Qianqian, why would she leave this place because of an insignificant warning?

"Looks like I need to find a way to force her to leave. The Hao family too. An ancestor of theirs is the commander of the divine generals of the Heavenly Palace of Bisheng. He has a close connection to Ming Dong. I need to get them to leave." These thoughts flickered through Jian Chen's head, but he showed nothing on the surface.

The mess in the Pantheon Divine Hall had been cleaned up very quickly, and a new table had been placed down. However, the new table was completely different from the one before. There was an order of seating this time, and Jian Chen and Bing Yuan were politely invited to take the seats of honour. The prodigies from the several dozen organisations all sat in seats of lower status.

"Esteemed hall master, may I ask if the God Tier heavenly resource offered up by our Heavenly Lightning clan, the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood, is to your satisfaction or not?" Lei Yun from the Heavenly Lightning clan asked eagerly soon after Jian Chen had sat down. His eyes were filled with hope and anticipation.

They all understood the current protection from the fifth divine hall was only temporary, just to earn them some time to deliver what the fifth divine hall required. At the same time, this temporary protection could be lost at any time. Only when they received a promise from the mouth of the fifth hall master could they truly find peace.

As Lei Yun asked, many prodigies in the Pantheon Divine Hall became unsettled. The fifth divine hall had actually paid a personal visit to the Pantheon Divine Hall, which was something unprecedented. They all worried whether the fifth divine hall was giving them a final deadline.

As a matter of fact, some of the prodigies had even accepted the inevitable situation, ready to retreat from the World of the Fallen Beast and give up on everything they had built up here.

There were also a few organisations who had already prepared themselves to temporarily submit themselves to the Heavenly Lightning clan.

As for the condition of ten billion supreme grade divine crystals for a century of protection the seventh and sixth divine halls offered, they had not even considered it. Most of their clans could produce ten

billion divine crystals. If it were in exchange for some precious materials from the Darkstar race, they would agree without hesitation.

However, if it were for only a century of peace, it was simply far too horrible of a deal.

Jian Chen sat in the seat of honour and said nothing, and none of the prodigies in the Pantheon Divine Hall spoke either. Their gazes all just gathered on Jian Chen, filled with unease and a reluctance to accept the situation.

Jian Chen's silence also suddenly unsettled Lei Yun too. Despite being filled with confidence a moment earlier, he had suddenly become rather nervous now.

Don't tell me the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood from our clan isn't to the fifth hall master's satisfaction? But the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood is a God Tier heavenly resource through and through, Lei Yun thought. His forehead even became covered in a thin layer of sweat. The cold attitude of the fifth hall master also left him uneasy.

At this moment, a few sacrificial Godkings arrived in the Pantheon Divine Hall while escorting an exquisite, white jade box, handing it personally to the prodigy from the Jade Pill sect.

The prodigy from the Jade Pill sect immediately beamed. He accepted the jade box as he began to tremble slightly from excitement. He said to Jian Chen in the seat of honour, "Esteemed hall master, fortunately, we've managed to deliver what you asked for. The ancestor of our Jade Pill sect personally emerged to create this. We've successfully refined the God Tier pill you require, hall master. Please take a look."

As he said that, the prodigy of the Jade Pill sect opened the white jade box. Immediately, a colourful haze emerged, and the fragrance of pills assaulted their noses. Inside the jade box quietly sat seven pills of different colours.

Everyone could tell with a single glance that these pills had not reached the God Tier. They were still just shy of God Tier.

However, with the example of the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood, the prodigies in the Pantheon Divine Hall dared not estimate these pills. All of them held their breaths and waited quietly, eager to see what kind of strange transformation these seven pills would go through.

After all, this was a pill the ancestor of the Jade Pill sect personally refined. All of them believed it was nowhere near as simple as it seemed on the surface.

At this moment, the seven pills lying in the jade box began to levitate by themselves. Each pills radiated with a different, blinding light as the smell of pills filled the entire Pantheon Divine Hall.

Afterwards, under everyone's gazes, the seven pills actually merged together in the middle of the air, and formations appeared on the jade box for holding the pills. It gathered the energy in the surroundings and transformed it into flames, carrying out the final refinement process of merging the pills.

All of this was the handiwork of the Grand Prime ancestor from the Jade Pill sect. When the jade box was opened, the pills underwent a final transformation according to the arrangements the ancestor of the Jade Pill sect had set up in the outside world.

This step seemed easy, but actually achieving it was almost impossible. It required a miraculous degree of proficiency with the Way of Alchemy near the peak of perfection.

Around ten minutes later, the pill finally completed its final evolution. The seven pills had truly merged together. Its size did not change, but the quality of the pill had truly reached the God Tier.

“Hall master, the ancestor of our Jade Pill sect personally created this pill. It’s a wondrous pill that even the Saints’ World does not possess. Now, I represent our Jade Pill sect to offer this pill to the hall master. I hope it can leave the hall master satisfied.” The prodigy of the Jade Pill sect was in high spirits as he smiled confidently, personally offering the pill to Jian Chen.

Jian Chen accepted the pill and immediately sensed how extraordinary it was. Its effects were several times stronger than the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood at the very least.

That was because just by touching the pill, his soul had been riled up. This allowed him to conclude the pill did not only heal injuries to the soul, but it could also strengthen the soul by a very great degree.

“There’s a slight presence of puresouls.” Jian Chen noticed something and slowly stowed the pill away. He smiled in satisfaction and said, “You’re not wrong. I’m extremely satisfied with the pill from your Jade Pill sect. From now onwards, the Jade Pill sect will be under my protection. As long as I am still around, the Jade Pill sect will be around.”

Hearing that, the prodigy from the Jade Pill sect was overjoyed. He was so emotionally touched that he almost knelt down on his knees, while the other prodigies in the Pantheon Divine Hall were shaken up. They all became envious of him.

They all understood exactly how precious the fifth hall master’s promise just then was. As long as the fifth divine hall continued to stand, the Jade Pill sect would remain. This was basically equivalent to providing a permanent umbrella to the Jade Pill sect, shielding them from anything and everything. The Jade Pill sect had no need to fear any threats in the territory of the Darkstar race for an extremely lengthy period into the future.

This was because the person standing behind the jade pill sect was a master of a divine hall, one that was extremely forceful and domineering.

“I never thought the Jade Pill sect would actually receive the eternal protection of the fifth divine hall. Unless the fifth hall master dies, the status of the Jade Pill sect will not waver in the Darkstar race. Sigh.” Many prodigies shook their heads and sighed in the Pantheon Divine Hall. As they felt jealous of the Jade Pill sect, they also felt dejected for the future awaiting them.

“Esteemed hall master, what about our Heavenly Lightning clan? Our Heavenly Lightning clan has presented the hall master with a Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood. It’s also at the God Tier.” Seeing the tremendous benefit that the Jade Pill sect had obtained, Lei Yun lost his patience and began to ask urgently.

Jian Chen took out the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood and tossed it to Lei Yun. "Although the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood has reached the God Tier, it doesn't fulfil my conditions, so it doesn't qualify."

Lei Yun was dumbfounded. He held the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood with two hands as he descended into a daze. His face even became sheet-white.

"However, I am very interested in the pieces of jade your Heavenly Lightning clan used to nurture the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood. If you can obtain some for me, I can also give your Heavenly Lightning clan the same promise that as long as I am around, your Heavenly Lightning clan will be around too. You will enjoy the same treatment as the Jade Pill sect," Jian Chen continued.

### **Chapter 2822: The Method of Obtaining Divine Crystals**

Jian Chen's words allowed Lei Yun's dimming gaze to light up with a shred of hope again. However, when he heard Jian Chen's request, his face immediately warped.

"You may not know, but the pieces of jade for nurturing the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood were extremely precious. Even our Heavenly Lightning clan does not possess them. The three pieces of jade we used this time all came from an organisation countless times more powerful than our clan, and we only obtained three. Our Heavenly Lightning clan is unable to produce a fourth piece," Lei Yun said bitterly.

Jian Chen sat in his seat leisurely as he tapped the table casually, producing a rhythmic thud. He said calmly, "If you can't produce it, then I can't guarantee your Heavenly Lightning clan can remain among the Darkstar race safely. I'll give you half a month. Get the clan behind you to provide me with thirty of those jade pieces."

"T- t- thirty..." Lei Yun's eyes widened, quite heavily startled. He had no idea just how precious the pieces of jade with the Laws of Time were, but even the Heavenly Lightning clan did not possess them. Just that alone made their value and rarity obvious.

In his opinion, he was already doing quite well to be able to produce three items of such value and rarity. Thirty was beyond his imagination.

"That's right, thirty. If you can provide them to me, not only will I protect your Heavenly Lightning clan, I'll reward you with an additional tael or two of Ancestral Sacred Earth," said Jian Chen.

When he heard about the Ancestral Sacred Earth, Lei Yun finally received some comfort. "Then let me contact the clan and inform them about your request." As he said that, Lei Yun backed out of the Pantheon Divine Hall. He could no longer care about what happened in the Pantheon Divine Hall. He had gone from heaven to hell, which left him in an extremely horrible mood.

Many of the prodigies there were delighted to see the Heavenly Lightning clan being brought down to their knees. Last time when Lei Yun produced the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood, he had been swollen with arrogance and spoken some big words, even revealing the Heavenly Lightning clan's wild ambition for everyone to yield to them. He had displeased many people since a long time ago. But today, the item that he relied on the most to gain a footing in the Darkstar race, the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood, had been tossed back to him without hesitation by the fifth hall master. Then, he stated an even more difficult request for Lei Yun to fulfil, making him fall from heaven to hell in a single instant.

The fate he faced left everyone glad and satisfied. They all took pleasure in his misery.

Finally, Jian Chen's gaze landed on the prodigies remaining in the Pantheon Divine Hall and said, "Does anyone else have anything that fulfils my criterion?"

The prodigies all fell quiet. No one said anything. They had already received the replies from their clans. The clans behind them were completely incapable of bringing God Tier heavenly resources into the Darkstar World.

After a while of silence, a prodigy stood forward and clasped his fist at Jian Chen. "Hall master, we cannot provide you with any God Tier heavenly resources, but we can provide the fifth divine hall with other cultivation resources. After all, the Darkstar race obtains large quantities of cultivation resources from us every year. We're willing to use these items to make up for what you require, so please give us a chance, hall master."

"Oh, I see..." Jian Chen hesitated slightly and said reluctantly, "Since I have the pill from the Jade Pill sect, my need for God Tier heavenly resources isn't as great anymore. Fine, I'll give you a chance then."

The prodigies there immediately beamed with joy with that, while the face of the prodigy from the Jade Pill sect immediately darkened. It was as ugly as it could get.

Before they could say anything, Jian Chen continued, "Our race just happens to be in need of large quantities of divine crystals. How about this? As long as each organisation provides me with some divine crystals, I'll agree to protect you all in the Darkstar race."

"Don't put on a long face. I know how the sixth and seventh divine halls had pressured you earlier. I'm not a person like them. I'd never do something so overboard."

Only with that did the prodigies recover slightly. They really were afraid the fifth divine hall would hit them with exorbitant demands like the seventh divine hall, asking ten billion supreme grade divine crystals for a century of peace.

"Then may I ask how many divine crystals the hall master requires?" a prodigy asked carefully.

"Two billion supreme grade divine crystals should be enough to earn a century of protection from me, while five billion supreme grade divine crystals will give you five centuries of protection. How about that? Isn't the price much better than what the seventh divine hall is offering?" Jian Chen looked at everyone with a smile.

"Five billion divine crystals for five centuries of peace. That's equivalent to a billion divine crystals for each century, which is a tenth of the seventh divine hall's price..." Many of the prodigies secretly let out a sigh of relief. With the precedence the seventh divine hall had set, the prodigies found the price a little easier to accept.

"Hall master, you mustn't do this! You must not!" As soon as the prodigy from the Jade Pill sect heard how the other organisations could purchase peace with mere supreme grade divine crystals, he immediately began to panic. He said frantically, "With how precious and honourable it is to earn the protection of the hall master, only those who have offered up items of absolute rarity should enjoy something like that. How can we use something as inexpensive as supreme grade divine crystals to exchange for the glory from the hall master? Please withdraw this command, hall master."

Jian Chen's face sank slightly as he glanced over coldly. He said frigidly, "Is your Jade Pill sect trying to tell me what to do?"

The prodigy of the Jade Pill sect was absolutely devastated. His complexion was horrendous. The ancestor of their Jade Pill sect had personally set out, spending tremendous effort to refine this unprecedented pill of wonder, and only then did they earn the protection of the fifth divine hall. Yet now, the others actually only needed to spend some divine crystals to receive the same treatment as the Jade Pill sect. The prodigy of the Jade Pill sect obviously refused to accept this.

This was because their Jade Pill sect's lofty wish of lording over the Hundred Saint City and maximising their benefits would be falling through.

However, did the prodigy of the Jade Pill sect have the courage to openly defy the slightly-angered fifth hall master? He immediately lowered his head to acknowledge his mistake. "You've misunderstood, hall master. How can our Jade Pill sect possess such audacity?"

"Then keep your mouth shut." Jian Chen was blunt with the prodigy of the Jade Pill sect. Afterwards, he said to the other prodigies, "Remember, there are only fifty places if you want to use divine crystals to exchange for my protection. I will only protect fifty clans and organisations among you."

"As for those organisations who do receive protection, don't even think about incorporating in other clans and organisations so that they receive protection too. I'm not as stupid as you think I am. If you're really bold enough to do that, hehehe, I think you all know the consequences of trying to fool me."

Everyone looked at one another. Right now, there were eighty or ninety organisations gathered in the Pantheon Divine Hall, yet there were only fifty places available. Did that not mean almost half of them would have to go without protection?

During the horrible situation earlier when the seventh divine hall was tempted to slaughter them all, possessing no protection would mean they would have to give up on their foundations here.

However, there were even more people who looked at the prodigy from the Jade Pill sect with expressions of delight, taking pleasure in his misfortune.

"Hall master, our Heavenly Lightning clan is willing to offer up divine crystals..." At this moment, Lei Yun had returned after receiving the news, rushing in from outside in a hurry.

"The Heavenly Lightning clan is only permitted to offer up thirty pieces of jade with the Laws of Time. Otherwise, don't even think about remaining in the Darkstar race." Jian Chen managed to pour cold water over Lei Yun's heart that had lit up with hope in a single statement.

"I'll give you three days to gather the divine crystals. I will pay you another visit in three days' time. By then, I will select fifty organisations among you." With that, Jian Chen turned around and left.

### **Chapter 2823: Forced to Compromise**

"Three days? Only three days? That's nowhere near enough time." The hearts of the prodigies in the Pantheon Divine Hall all tightened as soon as they heard the fifth hall master's deadline.

This was several billion supreme grade divine crystals, not a few hundred thousand or a few million. Only the clans behind them could mobilise such a tremendous sum of divine crystals, but this was the

Darkstar World, not the Saints' World. Once they left here, they would only be in the ruins of the Spirits' World. There was still a tremendous distance between the ruins of the Spirits' World and the Saints' World.

Three days was truly far too short.

"Quick, quick, quick! Send people to take this news to the great elder waiting outside immediately!" In the next moment, a prodigy began calling out, sending people out with the news impatiently. He truly seized every second.

Everyone behaved like that, as the Darkstar World was a place of great benefits to all of their clans. Some of the benefits it could offer were even irreplaceable. It was possible to say that within all the places they knew so far, only the Darkstar World could offer these benefits.

As a result, in order to protect their clan's interests, the prodigies all carried out their duties extremely carefully.

Very soon, the Pantheon Divine Hall had been emptied out, only leaving behind the prodigy of the Jade Pill sect and a few of his attendants.

The prodigy of the Jade Pill sect's face had become terrifyingly sunken as his gaze was gloomy. His refusal to accept this had become so intense that it was as vast and deep as the ocean.

The prodigy from the Jade Pill sect was not the only one who experienced this. Lei Yun of the Heavenly Lightning clan also moped about alone in his divine hall. He felt indignant.

"Why? Why are the other clans allowed to use divine crystals, while our Heavenly Lightning clan has to use precious pieces of jade with the Laws of Time that even our clan does not possess? This isn't fair. This isn't fair." Lei Yun paced around in the divine hall. He was highly irritable.

"The fifth hall master has gone too far. If worst comes to worst, if push comes to shove, our Heavenly Lightning clan will just stop depending on the fifth divine hall. Isn't the Darkstar race suffering from a shortage of divine crystals right now? If you really piss us off, our Heavenly Lightning clan will just use divine crystals to befriend the first divine hall. I refuse to believe the fifth or seventh divine halls are bold enough to even touch a hair on us once we have the first divine hall's protection," Lei Yun said in some exasperation.

"Young master, please be careful with what you say. Please be careful. The fifth hall master is probably still closeby. If the fifth hall master hears what you say, we can basically give up on remaining among the Darkstar race altogether." The expression of a nearby old man who seemed to be a caretaker changed and immediately warned Lei Yun. His face was filled with lingering fear. "And, young master, have you ever considered we won't have this option even if we want to befriend the first divine hall? The ten divine halls of the Darkstar race have always been existences we've struggled to befriend, as they completely look down on us. If it were not for the fact that we can provide them with some special resources from the Saints' World and the fact that we can provide a continuous supply of Life-devouring Beast corpses to them, they probably would have never allowed us to exist in the Darkstar World."

"And, we have no idea what kind of person the first hall master is. But that's different with the fifth hall master. At the very least, we can tell with a single glance that the fifth hall master has always been

shielding our Hundred Saint City to a certain degree if we look at the conflict between the fifth divine hall and the seventh and sixth divine halls. As a result, I personally believe the fifth hall master is instead a little more trustworthy.”

Lei Yun gradually calmed down after hearing the old man’s explanation.

The old man continued, “There’s something else that the young master may not have considered. Although the items the fifth hall master demands from our Heavenly Lightning clan is much more valuable than his demands to the other clans, we’ll obtain the protection of the fifth hall master forever once we do present him with thirty pieces of jade with the Laws of Time. In other words, our Heavenly Lightning clan will be completely worry-free in the territory of the Darkstar race as long as we don’t provoke the divine halls. There’ll be no need for us to remain in constant fear and carry out everything cautiously like in the past.”

“As for the organisations who exchange divine crystals for protection, they have a time limit. Right now, the Darkstar race is in desperate need of divine crystals, which is why divine crystals can be exchanged for temporary peace. However, once this shortage of divine crystals passes, the fifth divine hall can abandon them at any time.”

The old man’s analysis opened Lei Yun’s mind. All of his dissatisfaction vanished as he laughed aloud. “That’s right. The Darkstar race has required divine crystals in the past, but never have they required such a large quantity like recently. Once this period passes, the Darkstar race’s demand will obviously go back to normal. By then, even if they produce ten billion supreme grade divine crystals for the Darkstar race to exchange for, the Darkstar race might not necessarily want it. After all, the rate at which the Darkstar race depletes divine crystals is like a drop in the ocean when compared to our Saints’ World. Even if they have tens of billions of divine crystals, they won’t be able to use all of it, and as time goes on, the energy in the divine crystals will only leak away for nothing.”

“By then, I’d like to see how they handle the seventh divine hall’s hatred and fury without the fifth divine hall’s protection. However, our Heavenly Lightning clan will be different. Although it seems like we’re getting the short end of the stick right now, it’ll remove a problem for us forever in the long run.” Lei Yun changed the topic and said sternly to the old man, “Elder Shu, please make a trip personally and pass the fifth hall master’s words onto the clan. It’ll be completely up to the clan next on whether we can offer up another thirty pieces of jade.”

For a moment, the entrance and exit to the tunnel between the two worlds was crowded with people. People bustled as they went in and out, transferring messages around.

“What? The Darkstar race actually dares to demand a protection fee from us? How dare they! How dare they! They’re a measly race without even a single Chaotic Prime, so how dare they try to extort our peak clans.”

Very soon, the news from the Hundred Saint City reached the Darkstar City in the ruins of the Spirits’ World. Great elders of many peak organisations personally watched over the place, all Chaotic Primes.

When these revered great elders heard the news from the Darkstar World, they all flew into a fury.



Two billion supreme grade divine crystals for a century of protection, five billion supreme grade divine crystals for five centuries of protection. This was basically extortion, and the targets they were trying to extort were these peak organisations who stood at the apex of the Saints' World.

Their clans were so prosperous and powerful, yet they were now met with forceful demands for protection fees from a measly race that did not even have a Chaotic Prime. The whole matter was so absurd that they had never seen anything like it during all the years they had lived.

Some people exploded with rage, radiating with anger, while others became amused by the extortions of this puny race.

"What do we do? What are we supposed to do about an extortion like this from the Darkstar race? Are we, a mighty peak clan who stands at the apex of a world, supposed to compromise with the Darkstar race?"

"Sigh, what else can we do? There's a limit on the entrance to the World of the Forsaken Beast, which prevents the likes of us from entering, so there's nothing we can do about the Darkstar race. The Darkstar race also provides benefits that we cannot part with, so what else can we do apart from compromise?"

"Five billion supreme grade divine crystals for five centuries of peace. That is a billion divine crystals for a century of peace on average. We'll give it to them. We'll give it to them. What else are we supposed to do?"

"Yeah. A billion divine crystals for a century is actually just a drop in the ocean compared to what we obtain from the Darkstar World. After all, divine crystals are a renewable resource in our Saints' World. There is an endless supply, while some of the rare materials from the Darkstar World only appear in the Darkstar World. We can't afford to miss out on them."

"But time is simply too tight. They've actually only given us three days. Five billion supreme grade divine crystals is not a small sum. I'll have to return to the clan to arrange for this, but the round trip alone will take more than three days."

"Forget it. We won't make it in time if we return to our clans. Let's just borrow some from other organisations."

"There seems to only be fifty places. Damn, we need to gather five billion supreme grade divine crystals as quickly as possible."

As a result, for the next period, the great elders of many major organisations personally set out, either borrowing or exchanging for divine crystals from the various organisations on the Darstar Continent. They began to gather divine crystals en masse.

This directly resulted in virtually all the divine crystals in possession of the various organisations on the entire Darkstar Continent ending up in their pockets. It directly led to an extreme shortage of divine crystals on the Darkstar Continent, such that many cultivators did not even have enough to use for themselves.

However, basically all the organisations behind the Hundred Saint City were trying to gather five billion divine crystals, so after collecting all the divine crystals on the Darkstar Continent, it still was not

enough. As a result, the great elders either set out in person or sent out Infinite Prime elders to the four other continents in the ruins of the Spirits' World, leading to a great scramble for divine crystals.

### **Chapter 2824: The Five Hall Masters Assembled**

Obviously, Jian Chen had no idea that the condition for protection he proposed would actually cause so many Chaotic Primes in the ruins of the Spirits' World to personally run about for divine crystals, as he was in the Darkstar World. He was on his way back to the fifth divine hall right now.

"Hall master, I'm very curious. Are the pieces of jade with the Laws of Time really so important, such that the hall master is willing to give up on the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood for them?" Beside Jian Chen, Bing Yuan was unable to hold back his doubts and asked.

At the same time, he became slightly worried and continued, "And Si Wuqing too. He's a vice hall master of a divine hall. You've humiliated him in the Hundred Saint City, hall master, so the sixth divine hall probably won't let the matter slide."

"The sixth divine hall is quite a bit stronger than our fifth divine hall. Even the seventh divine hall pales slightly in comparison to the sixth divine hall. It's said that the sixth hall master Irvin has already reached the peak of the Sixth Heavenly Layer. He's been spending the past few years in secluded cultivation, working towards his breakthrough to the Seventh Heavenly Layer apparently."

"As for his strength, Irvin is definitely even stronger than seventh hall master Getti!"

As soon as he thought of the sixth divine hall's strength, Bing Yuan became filled with worry. "Within our faction, only the second hall master Arna can hold his ground against Irvin. And, even if we ignore the sixth hall master Irvin, Si Wuqing is not the only one at the Fourth Heavenly Layer. His elder brother, Si Wuming, is also a Fourth Heavenly Layer expert. Our fifth divine hall stands absolutely no chance against them with the strength they possess."

Jian Chen flew through the air with his hands behind his back as he said calmly, "You don't have to worry. I obtained a power that might have been left behind by the planetary beast in the Two World Mountains. It's not enough for me to break through to the Seventh Heavenly Layer, but I don't think I'll be afraid of Irwin as long as he's still at the Sixth Heavenly Layer."

"As for the pieces of jade with the Laws of Time... I naturally have a use for them..."

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On the fifth divine hall that hovered above the capital city of the Darkstar race, the teleportation formation built into the square outside the divine hall emitted a flash. As the power of teleportation gathered, Jian Chen and Bing Yuan appeared there.

"Greetings, hall master! Greetings, vice hall master!"

The Godking who guarded the teleportation formation immediately showed respect the moment he saw the figures appear in the teleportation formation, bowing courteously.

Without acknowledging the Godking, Jian Chen stepped out of the teleportation formation. However, the moment he emerged, his expression suddenly changed. He casually glanced past the divine hall around him, and the corner of his lips curled into a faint sneer.

At this moment, a tremendous aura suddenly erupted like a volcano from the direction of the sixth divine hall, flooding towards the fifth divine hall and crushing down like it came from a lord who stood above the masses.

Immediately, the calm sky suddenly became filled with fierce gales. The thick clouds gathered in the sky were obliterated under the tremendous presence.

Even the fifth divine hall that hovered in the air trembled gently, beginning to shake somewhat.

“Kun Tian, you’ve finally returned. You sure have made me wait.” A furious bellow rang out from the sixth divine hall. Hall master Irvin suddenly flew out of the divine hall, moving extremely quickly. He radiated with a monstrous presence along the way, arriving on the huge square of the fifth divine hall in the blink of an eye and gazing at Jian Chen coldly.

The three vice hall masters of the sixth divine hall followed close behind, also arriving on the square of the fifth divine hall. They stood side by side behind Irvin.

Si Wuqing’s wounds had not healed by much. He had only healed a few important parts slightly so that he could remain standing. Perhaps for the sake of evidence, the wounds on his face remained the same. Both his cheeks had been smashed to pieces and fractures even appeared on his skull. It was a chilling sight to behold.

As a vice hall master, Si Wuqing was a respected figure. Forcing him to remain like this in the eye of the public only increased his internal torment, making him feel mortified.

But for the sake of revenge, for the sake of making the fifth hall master pay for his actions, and for the sake of earning more sympathy, he knew he had to do this.

“Fifth hall master, you’ve gone too far. Even if my younger brother is an imbecile, you shouldn’t have humiliated him like this.” The face of Si Wuqing’s elder brother, Si Wuming, darkened as he spoke coldly. There was no respect in his voice at all. He was only out to denounce the fifth divine hall.

With the sixth divine hall’s arrival, tremendous presences emerged from the third, fourth, seventh, and ninth divine halls too. The hall masters of the four other divine halls basically appeared at the same time, striding through the air and arriving above the fifth divine hall in a single step, assembling with the sixth divine hall.

“Kun Tian, you really have gone a little too far with your actions this trip...” The seventh hall master was the first to speak as cold light flickered through his eyes.

“Just not the face, you know? Si Wuqing is still a vice hall master after all. If he’s disrespected you, a slight punishment is not exactly unacceptable, but humiliation like this... Sigh, Kun Tian, you have gone a little too far,” said the ninth hall master, a Fifth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime.

The fourth hall master said, “Kun Tian, even if you’ve obtained memories of the planetary beast that can exploit the Godking grass from the Two World Mountains, even if it’s very likely for you to make a huge contribution to our race, that’s still not a reason for you to do whatever you want, regardless of the consequences.”

“What are you all doing? The five hall masters have actually all assembled in the fifth divine hall. Do you really think our four divine halls are now targets of harassment just because we’ve lost Sen Ran?” At this moment, a woman called out. Tenth hall master Feng Xue arrived before Jian Chen frigidly, standing with Jian Chen to confront the five hall masters.

Immediately, a total of seven hall masters had assembled. Apart from when they saw the emperor, rarely did this ever occur in the Darkstar World.

With how far the situation had developed, it had basically become a confrontation between the two factions among the ten divine halls. Second hall master Arna who stood on the same side as the fifth divine hall obviously could not sit out either, also flying over from his divine hall.

Only the eighth divine hall had not shown up. Having lost their hall master, it was difficult for two vice hall masters who were not particularly powerful to fill Sen Ran’s shoes.

On the square of the fifth divine hall, the two factions formed two distinct sides as they confronted each other. However, one side had five divine halls, while the other only had three. There was a huge difference no matter how it seemed.

“Sigh, Kun Tian has absolutely no idea how to behave at all. Why did he offend the sixth divine hall to such a degree over a measly Hundred Saint City? I hope he can recover his memories soon.” Second hall master Arna also felt extremely hopeless after learning about the whole story.

Only Feng Xue, regardless of the reason, regardless of whether he was right or wrong, would stand by the side of “Kun Tian” resolutely. She refuted firmly, “Si Wuqing only has himself to blame for what he’s gone through. It’s not like you don’t know the Hundred Saint City would have been wiped off the face of the Darkstar World a long time ago if it were not for Kun Tian’s protection. The Hundred Saint City has been Kun Tian’s territory in the first place. Si Wuqing entered Kun Tian’s territory to extort divine crystals without his permission. He has shown no respect for authority. He deserved to be beaten!”

“Kun Tian, you must give us a satisfying explanation for this, or we’ll never let this matter drop!” Sixth hall master Irvin said with a sunken voice.

“So what if you’ll never drop the matter? Are you looking for a great battle? Do you feel like we’re supposed to be afraid of you just because we don’t have Sen Ran?” Feng Xue said furiously, without a hint of fear.

### **Chapter 2825: I’ll Give You an Explanation**

Looking at the infuriated Feng Xue who no longer seemed to care about anything, the second hall master Arna who belonged to the same faction as the fifth divine hall could not help but sigh inside.

If the eighth hall master Sen Ran were still present, their side would still have no chance at victory if they confronted the other faction, but at least they could contend with them to a certain degree.

But now, the eighth hall master was dead. Having lost a powerful ally, what else did they have to hold their ground against the five divine halls?

She clearly knew about her own disadvantaged position, yet not only did she refuse to hold back, but she had even chosen to behave aggressively, which gave the second hall master Arna a great headache.

“Hall master Feng, please calm down a little. Our predicament is no longer the same as in the past,” Arna said to Feng Xue secretly, hoping to appease her before combining everyone’s strength to settle this matter in the most appropriate way possible.

“Hall master Feng, you should just leave this to me,” Jian Chen said. He was calm, completely unfazed by this. He was not worried about this at all.

He took a step forward slowly as his lips curled into a mysterious smile. He stared straight at the sixth hall master Irvin. “Since you want me to give you an explanation, I’ll give you an explanation.”

Hearing Jian Chen’s tone and noticing the rather sinister and eerie smile on Jian Chen’s face, Irvin’s heart actually skipped a beat for some reason. He developed an ill feeling.

In the next moment, a god artifact sword appeared in Jian Chen’s hand. It began to emit surging energy pulses the moment it appeared. Madness and viciousness filled his eyes as he stabbed the sword towards Irvin without the slightest hesitation.

Jian Chen did not hold back at all with the attack. Even though he was unable to unleash his maximum strength in the strike due to his disguise, it was still all the power he could unleash given the current circumstances.

His sword pierced through space, producing a black crack there, reaching Irvin in a single breath.

“Kun Tian, what are you doing!?” The sudden attack immediately made Irvin’s expression change drastically. His eyes widened, filled with undisguised shock and disbelief.

The strength Kun Tian unleashed shocked him. It was far more powerful than what the rumors dictated, even more powerful than when he clashed with Getti in the past. The strike was enough for him to feel greatly threatened.

He was in disbelief over how bold Kun Tian was. After all, where were they right now?

They were in the capital city of the Darkstar race, and more importantly, the location where the ten divine halls stood. He had actually launched an attack so decisively here, even unleashing his full strength right from the beginning. He was utterly fearless.

“A madman! He really is a madman!” Noticing the viciousness and madness in Jian Chen’s eyes, Irvin could not help but curse inside.

He had heard from Getti a long time ago that without his memories, Kun Tian had become a completely unreasonable madman who had no concept of consequences, but he had never taken it to heart. Only today did he truly learn that Kun Tian could be this crazy after losing his memories.

It all happened in a split second. Even though Kun Tian’s sudden attack shocked Irvin, he was still a Primordial realm expert after all, so his reactions were equally fast. A sword appeared in his hand instantly, and he parried with it as powerful energy surged.

Irvin was not bold enough to directly launch an attack as fearlessly as Jian Chen above the capital city, just in case the consequences developed out of hand.

“Kun Tian, stop...”

“Kun Tian, this is the capital city, and we’re standing among the ten divine halls at that. How can you act so recklessly...”

“Kun Tian, have you lost your mind? Why don’t you check where we are right now...”

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At the same time, the gathered hall masters changed drastically in expression too as they bellowed out in surprise and anger.

However, battle was already unavoidable. In the critical moment, they only managed to pour their strength together and create a barrier in time, isolating the region of space.

The tenth hall master Feng Xiu and the second hall master Arna clearly understood the severity of the matter as well. It was absolutely forbidden for Primordial realm experts to rampage through the capital city, as the ripples of energy would be far too powerful and affect the many clansmen in the city below. As a result, with no other choice, the two of them were forced to construct an energy barrier with the four other hall masters.

Behind them, the vice hall masters present did not stand around either. They all lended their strength, channeling out with energy endlessly to strengthen the barrier.

Boom!

Basically in the moment the energy barrier had been created, Jian Chen’s sword stabbed mercilessly into Irvin’s sword with tremendous force. The force transmitted through the sword was shocking and terrifying. In the moment they made contact, Irvin’s body shuddered heavily. He had responded frantically, so he obviously struggled to block the attack. He was sent flying, smashing heavily against the energy barrier behind him and causing the barrier to shake violently.

“Kun Tian, stop! Even if you plan on fighting, you can’t do it here!” Feng Xue’s voice rang out in a slightly anxious and worried manner.

However, Jian Chen did not seem to hear her. He also seemed to have entered a state of frenzy completely, losing all sense of rationality. He could no longer hear anyone.

His eyes were completely red and bloodshot. His craziness did not weaken, intensifying instead. He let out a great laugh. “Hahaha, didn’t you want an explanation? I’ll give you an explanation! I’ll give you an explanation right now!” As he spoke, his presence swelled once again. Dressed in god artifact armour and wielding a god artifact sword, both the armour and the sword radiated with resplendent light. The energy was earth-shaking as he struck out again, swinging the sword as hard as he could towards Irvin.

Irvin’s face darkened and paled. He had never thought the situation would actually develop like this. In particular, when he saw the blood-red light that was clearly without any rationality in Kun Tian’s eyes, he actually felt a tinge of regret.

In the next moment, with a thunderous rumble, Jian Chen and Irvin clashed again. However, Irvin clearly could not launch reckless attacks like Jian Chen, so all he could do was defend passively. As a result, he could only grunt from Jian Chen’s attack before being sent flying again. The energy barrier the hall masters and vice hall masters constructed shook violently.

Jian Chen continued to laugh loudly. He seemed like he had already reached the peak of his power as a layer of faint, red light began to radiate from his body.

When the blood-red light appeared, his presence that had already been extremely powerful rose once again, and the pulses of energy he gave off became even more terrifying.

“Oh no, he’s actually igniting his essence blood. He’s actually igniting his essence blood...”

“Igniting his essence blood? Oh no, Kun Tian has completely lost his mind. H- h- how can he ignite his essence blood...”

“Stop him quick...”

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The hall masters from both factions changed in expression when they saw this. They were all shocked.

He was igniting his essence blood. Was he preparing himself for a battle to the death? The hall masters of the two factions had opposed each other for all these years. As a matter of fact, full-blown battles had erupted between them multiple times in the past, but never had it been like this, where they were out to kill. Even heavy injuries rarely occur during these battles. Most of the time, they would stop when they knew it was enough.

As a result, as Kun Tian’s action of igniting his essence blood shocked them, they also felt rather helpless. Some of the vice hall masters had even become rather frantic as if the sky was falling down.

### **Chapter 2826: The Emperor’s Suppression**

Looking at how Kun Tian had become crazy to the point where he was beyond reason, even the sixth hall master became rather dazed. Kun Tian’s current behaviour even made Irvin wonder whether he had any unforgivable grievances with Kun Tian in the past. Otherwise, why would Kun Tian behave like this?

“Kun Tian, keep in mind that you humiliated a vice hall master of my sixth divine hall first. I just want an explanation for that. A- aren’t you taking it too far?” For a moment, Irvin became rather nervous.

The Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar World were not the Primordial realm experts of the Saints’ World after all. Within the Darkstar race, battles to the death among the Primordial realm never occurred. Even when they were Godkings, battles to the death were already extremely rare. The reason why every single one of them possessed strength that far exceeded cultivators at the same cultivation in the Saints’ World was because they remained at cultivation levels for an astronomical amount of time. The amount of strength they would accumulate over time made them virtually unrivalled in the Saints’ World.

On the other hand, countless battles to the death were unavoidable as cultivators of the Saints’ World advanced through each cultivation level. As a result, the Darkstar race obviously paled in comparison to the cultivators of the Saints’ World in terms of ferocity.

Truly, the crude and rash were afraid of the short-tempered, while the short-tempered were afraid of the desperate. Looking at how Kun Tian was desperate enough to throw his life on the line, Irvin immediately became frightened out of his wits. He no longer possessed the same overbearing arrogance as before.

Some of the hall masters who maintained the energy barrier had already withdrawn their energy. They were prepared to stop Kun Tian together.

They could already tell that Kun Tian was not much weaker than Irvin. He might have even been able to match him evenly. He was already so powerful, so combined with his increased battle prowess from igniting his essence blood, Irvin was not his opponent.

That was unless Irvin was as crazy as Kun Tian and began igniting his essence blood regardless of the consequences too.

But clearly, they did not want the situation to develop to that point!

“Maintain the energy barrier. Leave the rest to me!”

At this moment, a nonchalant voice rang out from above. It came from the Darkstar Emperor in the imperial palace.

As soon as they heard the emperor’s voice, the utterly-nervous hall masters and vice hall masters below immediately let out sighs of relief as if their saviour had come.

The emperor was actually intervening personally. They would be able to overcome everything no matter what happened.

With the voice, a colossal imperial seal descended from above, shining with dazzling light like a miniature sun had appeared in the sky. It fell down towards Jian Chen with tremendous pressure and the power to suppress all.

“A medium quality god artifact, and a relatively complete medium quality god artifact at that!” Jian Chen shivered inside. In the Saints’ World, medium quality god artifacts were usually wielded by Chaotic Primes. Of course, there were an extremely small number of peak Infinite Primes who possessed them.

There were even some peak experts, some early Grand Primes, who came from overly lacklustre backgrounds that continued to use medium quality god artifacts, as they had no high quality god artifacts available to them.

The power of medium quality god artifacts could not be compared to low quality god artifacts. However, only Chaotic Primes could completely unleash their powers.

Now, a relatively complete medium quality god artifact had actually appeared in the Darkstar Emperor’s hands, which immediately amplified the pressure Jian Chen was feeling inside.

Even though the Darkstar Emperor still could not unleash all the power of the medium quality god artifact, a portion of it was already earth-shaking.

Jian Chen did not block or dodge as he faced the descending imperial seal. Instead, his eyes remained fixed on Irvin as if he had failed to notice the falling imperial seal at all.

Bang!



With a heavy thud, the imperial seal directly fell down on top of Jian Chen with an undefiable and great force. As the power of suppression radiated outwards constantly, it immediately immediately limited all of Jian Chen's actions.

Of course, despite the suppression of the imperial seal, Jian Chen still planned on going all the way, from start to finish, with his act of madness. The redness in his eyes lingered as he remained irrational, staring fixedly and madly at Irvin as he produced furious roars.

Clearly, the Darkstar Emperor had no intentions of injuring anyone, so even though the imperial seal radiated with surging pressure, it only limited Jian Chen's movements and was not lethal at all.

"Kun Tian, why don't you come to your senses?"

The Darkstar Emperor's voice rang out in the sky. His voice was very flat, but it was filled with an undefiable sense of authority. And, the voice seemed to possess some kind of magic, able to stun the soul to a certain degree. The souls of the hall masters and vice hall masters who heard it all quivered as if they were almost drawn away.

With the Darkstar Emperor's voice, the hall masters present all noticed the redness in "Kun Tian's" eyes had actually begun to slowly recede. He gradually calmed down too. Finally, after a few seconds, the hall masters all let out a sigh of relief, as they could see a normal light in Kun Tian's eyes now.

They knew that Kun Tian had completely recovered from his episode of madness.

The Darkstar Emperor's imperial seal flew away, and the suppressing force vanished. Feng Xue arrived before Jian Chen in a flash. Her face was filled with undisguised concern and worry. "Kun Tian, you've finally returned your senses. Did you know what you just did? You almost frightened me to death."

"Kun Tian, what exactly happened with you earlier? Why did you suddenly behave like that?" The second hall master Arna arrived before Jian Chen too as he asked with a frown.

Jian Chen took in a few heavy breaths as he still seemed to be shaken up. "It's the planetary beast. The memories of the planetary beast I obtained in the depths of the Two World Mountains are contaminated with hints of brutality. I- I was actually influenced by it unknowingly earlier. The only thought in my head was slaughter and destruction, death and annihilation."

Feng Xue and Arna's expression changed with that. They became extremely stern, and the five other hall masters all began looking at one another too. As a matter of fact, hints of fear had appeared in the depths of a few people's eyes.

That was because what Jian Chen said at the end, "The only thought in my head was slaughter and destruction, death and annihilation." made everyone's eyes narrow.

If Kun Tian's mental state had really become like this, such that he would lose his rationality from the slightest anger and begin a massacre, then who would still be bold enough to provoke him in the future?

Who would still provoke a madman who was willing to throw their lives at you over some petty matters?

In that moment, the sixth hall master Irvin was filled with utter regret. If he had known earlier that the slightest anger could make Kun Tian lose complete control, he would have never stood forward

personally. The end result was not only had he failed to redeem his pride, but he had even been reduced to a sorry state instead. He had truly gone for wool, only to come home shorn.

A figure descended from above. The Darkstar Emperor had personally appeared. Based on his appearance alone, he seemed like a valiant young man around twenty years of age, but his eyes were filled with a sombreness that came with age.

“Greetings, your majesty!”

The Darkstar Emperor possessed absolute authority in the Darkstar race. His appearance immediately caused all the hall masters and vice hall masters to bow politely.

### **Chapter 2827: Unprovokable**

However, the Darkstar Emperor only seemed to see Jian Chen. His eyes were completely fixed on Jian Chen. His gaze was not particularly sharp, but his brows would furrow firmly at times and relax them at other times.

Only after a very long while did the Darkstar Emperor say slowly, “So far, there is nothing our race can do about souls under influence, not to mention the influence touches on the same level as the planetary beast.” The Darkstar Emperor’s voice was also filled with a sense of helplessness. Not only was the Darkstar race helpless with injuries to the soul, but it would be an extremely troublesome matter even in the Saints’ World.

“Kun Tian, I’ve already learnt about what happened in the Hundred Saint City. Even if Si Wuqing had originally wronged you, there’s no need for you to humiliate him like that. You need to give the sixth divine hall an explanation for this. We can start with the medicinal garden. From now onwards until the Fruit of Nurturing Ways ripens, your fifth divine hall will be completely responsible for the sixth divine hall’s supply of divine crystals.”

“Kun Tian, I wonder if you have any opinions about my suggestion.” The Darkstar Emperor remained serious. Although he spoke flatly and with ease, it did not affect his dignified expression.

“As your majesty orders!” Jian Chen clasped his fist. He was not worried about the issue of divine crystals at all. Assuming no accidents happened, he would be receiving a huge pile of supreme grade divine crystals from the Hundred Saint City soon. It would be more than enough.

“Irvin, what about your sixth divine hall?” The Darkstar Emperor looked at Irvin and his vice hall masters.

“Thank you for upholding justice, your majesty. Our sixth divine hall will follow the emperor’s arrangements!” Irvin said hastily with the vice hall masters of the sixth divine hall. Actually, after learning Kun Tian was currently unstable and could enter a state of madness at any time, their sixth divine hall had already given up on the idea of payback.

Now, the Darkstar Emperor had personally stepped forward and cleared up everything with a single word. As their pride had been redeemed, the awkward situation that their sixth divine hall faced with divine crystals had been resolved too. Having already given up on provoking Kun Tian any further, this was the best conclusion he could get in the sixth hall master’s eyes.

The Darkstar Emperor glanced past all the hall masters present and said nonchalantly, "You've all witnessed Kun Tian's current situation. He's under the influence of the planetary beast's memories, so once he's angered, he'll lose control. As a result, all of you must remember to avoid any more conflict during this period of time. The day of the great ceremony approaches. We cannot allow any more accidents to happen to anyone."

"Yes, your majesty!"

The hall masters of the third, fourth, sixth, seventh, and ninth divine halls all answered. Actually, there was no need for the Darkstar Emperor to say anything. After personally witnessing Kun Tian's madness and willingness to put his life on the line, everyone had become fearful of him. They had made up their minds a long time ago that they would never actively provoke Kun Tian before he recovered.

With the Darkstar Emperor intervening, the matter of how Jian Chen humiliated a vice hall master of the sixth divine hall in the Hundred Saint City had been properly resolved with the fifth divine hall taking over the sixth divine hall's responsibility to supply the medicinal garden with divine crystals.

Afterwards, the various hall masters dispersed. Before the seventh hall master Getti left, he glanced past Jian Chen with a gaze that was very reluctant to accept all of this.

Now that the medicinal garden's demand for divine crystals had increased, the ten divine halls all faced the same issue of insufficient divine crystals. When An Lie from their seventh divine hall visited the Hundred Saint City, he should have earned them a great sum of supreme grade divine crystals if nothing had gone wrong. By then, it would have been more than enough to cover the medicinal garden's demands. They would even build up a very large surplus.

Yet in the end, with a visit from Kun Tian, their wonderful idea had been completely destroyed.

Moreover, the main reason why he stood up for the sixth divine hall today was to use the incident with the sixth divine hall to pressure Kun Tian and make up for part of their losses from the Hundred Saint City.

But after understanding Kun Tian's mental state, where could he still find the courage to pressure him? All he could do was hold in his fury, resentment, and frustration and leave.

After the five opposing divine halls had left, the second hall master Arna asked about Jian Chen's current situation in concern before returning to his divine hall.

Feng Xue was the last one to leave. She visited the fifth divine hall and stayed for a while, extremely worried for Kun Tian's unstable mental state. Only after a thoughtful series of concerned questions did she leave the fifth divine hall rather reluctantly.

Immediately, the fifth divine hall recovered its usual peace. Jian Chen, who had just been in the eye of the storm, behaved like he was perfectly fine. He sat on the hall master's throne like nothing had happened at all as he calculated how many divine crystals the Hundred Saint City would actually provide him with.

At this moment, a special envoy from the Darkstar Divine Hall arrived in the fifth divine hall. He bowed towards Jian Chen on the throne and said in a slightly-respectful tone, "Fifth hall master, his majesty summons you. Please visit the Darkstar Divine Hall immediately!"

As he heard that, a sliver of surprise flashed through Jian Chen's eyes. Afterwards, his eyes narrowed slightly as he closely recalled everything he had done recently. After confirming he had not given away even the slightest opening, he immediately eased up before standing up and leaving the fifth divine hall. He took off, flying straight towards the Darkstar Divine Hall hanging above him.

In the Darkstar Divine Hall, within the same, majestic hall, the Darkstar Emperor seemed like he had been waiting for quite some time now. He sat on his throne as he watched Jian Chen step into the divine hall.

"Greetings, your majesty!" Jian Chen arrived in the centre of the hall and bowed sternly.

"Kun Tian, I've called you here for just one matter. Have your memories returned to you yet?" The Darkstar Emperor asked calmly.

"They have not!" Jian Chen shook his head.

"The day of the great ceremony approaches. If you still haven't recovered your memories, it will affect the ceremony to a certain degree, and the ceremony influences the fate of our entire race and is of utmost importance. We cannot allow any mistakes to happen. As a result, you have to recover your memories as quickly as possible," the Darkstar Emperor said firmly. He would not allow any unpredictable factors to exist in the matter that affected the fate of the entire race.

"Yes, your majesty. Actually, I obtained an extraordinary pill from my visit to the Hundred Saint City this time. This pill might give me the possibility of recovering my memories," said Jian Chen.

The Darkstar Emperor nodded. "Very good. Ingest the pill right now. I will personally watch over you. Fetch me the Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures that I've nurtured for all these years!"

"Yes, your majesty!" An attendant outside the Darkstar Divine Hall accepted the order, delivering a white, jade bottle to the Darkstar Emperor's hands very soon.

The Darkstar Emperor held the white jade bottle and said, "The Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures is an item from the Saints' World. Our Darkstar race is unable to produce a treasure like this. Its effects are also directed towards the soul. It can heal and purify the soul."

"Now that the great ceremony is imminent, I will be using this Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures on you. Hopefully, it can completely clear up all the issues with your soul."

Jian Chen became hesitant. "Your majesty, I'm afraid it might not be effective if it hasn't reached the God Tier!"

"Don't worry. Even though the Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures was not at the God Tier when I first obtained it, it's reached the God Tier long ago after all these years of my nurturing. It's highly effective on Primordial realm experts too," said the Darkstar Emperor. Afterwards, he paused slightly and called out at nothing, "Virtuous Sage of Heaven!"

"What are your orders, your majesty?" An illusory figure gradually appeared in the empty space.

**Chapter 2828: The Virtuous Sage of Heaven**

The figure was blurry and illusionary. He seemed like he had been condensed from a thin mist as if he were only a soul.

However, his appearance was blurry, impossible to make out his facial features, but it was possible to roughly estimate him to be a middle-aged man from his vigorous voice.

Ever since the illusionary figure appeared, Jian Chen's gaze had been fixed on him, filled with suspicion and surprise.

That was because he had completely failed to sense how the figure had appeared there. Even though he was standing right before him, he was unable to detect anything with the senses of his soul. With a sweep of his senses, the space before him was empty, with no trace of anything.

He resembles a soul, yet he also doesn't, Jian Chen thought. For a moment, he was truly unable to tell what form the illusionary figure before him had taken with his insight and knowledge.

If he were described as a soul, then sure, there was a portion of the power of souls present. However, he was also vastly different from the form of souls Jian Chen was familiar with. He seemed to be more than a simple soul.

And, Jian Chen struggled to sense his strength. On the surface, he only seemed to be equivalent to Godking in his soul form, yet he also seemed like he had already surpassed Godking, reaching an unfathomable realm of cultivation.

In short, Jian Chen felt like he was unable to see through the illusionary figure that had suddenly appeared.

"Virtuous Sage of Heaven, you are knowledgeable and insightful. The depth of your experiences is well beyond anything I can match, so please give some guidance when Kun Tian heals his soul," the Darkstar Emperor said gently. Clearly, he held extremely great respect for the mysterious figure known as the "Virtuous Sage of Heaven" before him. For once, his voice actually carried hints of respect.

"The great ceremony this time is far too important, while Kun Tian is a hall master, so he occupies an important position in the ceremony. As a result, his memories must be recovered. Otherwise, I would not have been willing to disturb the Virtuous Sage of Heaven either," the Darkstar Emperor continued.

"You jest, your majesty. Relieving your majesty's worries is part of my responsibilities," the Virtuous Sage of Heaven chuckled, neither overly arrogant or overly modest.

Jian Chen instead began to wonder. He had read a few records regarding the Darkstar race and the three vice hall masters had introduced many matters and people from the Darkstar race to him, but never had he heard anything along the lines of a "Virtuous Sage of Heaven". He could not help but grow doubtful.

Logically speaking, there was absolutely no reason why he did not know about a person who could basically stand on equal footing to the Darkstar Emperor like the Virtuous Sage of Heaven. Bing Yuan, Tarot, and Dou Wujin would definitely tell him about such an individual.

The Darkstar Emperor shifted his gaze to Jian Chen and said, "Kun Tian, apart from me, no one within the Darkstar race knows about the Virtuous Sage of Heaven's existence. Please bear in mind to not tell anyone about how you met the Virtuous Sage of Heaven today."

Jian Chen came to an understanding and agreed in a hurry. Afterwards, he could not help but glance at the Virtuous Sage of Heaven. He immediately began to pay special attention to him.

From instincts alone, he could sense that the Virtuous Sage of Heaven before him was anything but simple.

Of course, what truly shocked him was how the existence of the Virtuous Sage of Heaven could be hidden from the Darkstar race for all these years.

He had no idea how long the Virtuous Sage of Heaven had existed among the Darkstar race. If it had not been too long, then that would be fine, but if he had already existed since almost time immemorial, it would truly be rather terrifying.

Jian Chen could not help but secretly raise his guard over this.

“Kun Tian, you can begin. Ingest the pill you obtained from the Hundred Saint City first. If the pill still isn’t enough for you to recover, then I’ll lend you a helping hand with the Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures,” said the Virtuous Sage of Heaven. His voice was amiable, which made him seem highly approachable and friendly.

Jian Chen hesitated slightly before asking in a slightly doubtful tone, “But your majesty, I can see the Virtuous Sage of Heaven should be roughly equivalent to a Godking. Can a Godking really provide assistance to a Primordial realm expert’s recovery?”

“Or perhaps the Virtuous Sage of Heaven is highly accomplished in the aspect of souls, possessing alarming attainments that we can only look up to?”

Faced with “Kun Tian’s” questions, the Darkstar Emperor was not confused at all, as even he was unable to accurately determine the Virtuous Sage of Heaven’s cultivation. However, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven did indeed seem like a Godking most of the time. Anyone would raise an issue with a Godking telling a Primordial realm expert what to do about their injuries.

“Kun Tian, you mustn’t underestimate the Virtuous Sage of Heaven, much less show even the slightest disrespect towards the Virtuous Sage of Heaven. That’s because not only is the Virtuous Sage of Heaven a great sage who has made vast contributions to our race, but he’s also the person with the highest level of status and seniority in our race. Technically speaking, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven is a senior of everyone in our race.”

“Moreover, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven’s strength is nowhere near as simple as what you see, so you must not treat the Virtuous Sage of Heaven as a Godking.”

“As for attainments of the soul, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven is indeed the greatest within our race. With his guidance, your chances of recovery will increase drastically,” the Darkstar Emperor explained patiently.

“Your majesty, there’s something I don’t understand. Since the Virtuous Sage of Heaven outranks everyone in our race right now in terms of seniority, then why does no one know about the Virtuous Sage of Heaven despite all the time that has passed?” Jian Chen asked. His vigilance towards the Virtuous Sage of Heaven had already risen to the limit.

“Enough. Don’t ask anything more. I still can’t tell you about the details regarding the Virtuous Sage of Heaven, as that’s the greatest secret of our race. I will naturally tell you when you need to know.” The Darkstar Emperor was reluctant to say anything more. Clearly, the identity of the Virtuous Sage of Heaven was overly sensitive such that even people like the ten hall masters did not know about him.

Jian Chen knew he could not ask any more questions, so he simply shut up and sat down, swallowing the pill he had obtained from the Jade Pill sect.

“What a pity. The quality of the pill is impressive. Even in the Saints’ World, it’s something you can’t have enough of. I didn’t want to waste it like this, but it looks like I don’t have a choice anymore.” Jian Chen was filled with helplessness as he swallowed the pill.

After all, this was a pill that healed the soul, and its effects definitely surpassed the Glazed Fruit of Scarlet Blood. Even Jian Chen felt rather pained to simply waste a precious pill like that.

In the Saints’ World, regular God Tier pills were relatively easy to obtain, but God Tier pills that could heal the soul, particularly pills that bore the presence of puresouls, were truly items that could only be obtained through luck.

“Virtuous Sage of Heaven, I must trouble you,” the Darkstar Emperor said secretly to the Virtuous Sage of Heaven as he watched Kun Tian enter a state of recovery.

“You are too kind, your majesty. I will do everything I can.” The Virtuous Sage of Heaven also replied secretly without being overly polite or overly rude. His eyes hidden behind the mist also landed on Jian Chen’s face, and his lips curled into a mysterious smile.

However, even the Darkstar Emperor failed to notice his expression change, as if no one in the entire Darkstar World would know about it if he tried to hide something.

### **Chapter 2829: Lurking Danger**

On another side, Jian Chen ingested the God Tier pill from the Jade Pill sect before entering an oblivious state of recovery.

But in reality, he did not recover at all, as he had no wounds. He had ingested the pill and entered a meditative state to put on an act. In reality, he was extremely vigilant inside, having raised his wariness to the limit already.

He was not wary of the Darkstar Emperor, nor was he particularly worried the Darkstar Emperor would detect anything wrong.

The Darkstar Emperor’s strength was exceptional. With the strength to challenge those at higher cultivations, he possessed extraordinary battle prowess that was on par with Chaotic Primes of the First Heavenly Layer, or maybe even the Second Heavenly Layer, but even if Jian Chen were up against an expert like him, he had complete confidence that he could retreat safely.

What truly made him fearful was the Virtuous Sage of Heaven who had suddenly appeared. Especially after learning about the tip of the iceberg regarding the Virtuous Sage of Heaven’s origins, his level of dread towards him had become unprecedented.

That was because he could not see through the Virtuous Sage of Heaven at all. He seemed to be wrapped in a thick layer of mist, concealing himself away.

Jian Chen knew that the more someone was like that, the more terrifying they would be.

It went without saying that the effects of the God Tier pill the Jade Pill sect provided was extraordinary. Even without any injuries or underlying conditions to the soul, the God Tier pill could still function as a great supplement to the ingestor.

As the effects of the God Tier pill kicked in, Jian Chen immediately felt a refreshing sensation from his soul as if his entire soul was undergoing a mellow purification. Not only had it become even more consolidated, but the presence of puresouls in the God Tier pill directly strengthened his soul, leading to a wondrous effect where his soul became even sturdier.

As a result, Jian Chen could clearly feel his soul strengthen slightly after ingesting the God Tier pill. Even though this increase was not very substantial due to the limited quantity and quality of the puresouls, he could truly feel an increase.

After all, with his current cultivation and the strength of his soul, strengthening it again was anything but easy. Yet, this pill managed to achieve that, which was more than enough to demonstrate its value.

They said that the ancestor of the Jade Pill sect personally refined this pill. It truly is a God Tier pill produced in the hands of a supreme expert. Even under such strict conditions to deliver it into the Darkstar World, he still managed to refine a pill with such startling effects. If it were the Saints' World instead, the effects of the pill will definitely be even more startling. Jian Chen was secretly filled with admiration.

Although he had basically scammed the Jade Pill sect with this, their ancestor truly approached perfection with his mastery over the Way of Alchemy.

Before long, the effects of the pill gradually subsided, but the Virtuous Sage of Heaven that Jian Chen had been secretly guarding against the entire time did not do anything. Jian Chen had not even sensed a sliver of the senses of the soul.

He could not help but grow suspicious. Was the Virtuous Sage of Heaven really someone that the Darkstar Emperor had sent to assist him?

If he were supposed to provide assistance, why had he done nothing?

"Kun Tian, you can take your leave for now," the Virtuous Sage of Heaven said all of a sudden. That immediately made Jian Chen's heart shudder as he remained in the same meditative pose, acting as if he were still in a state of recovery.

In that moment, he felt a sliver of shock.

That was because he had done nothing after ingesting the God Tier pill. He had remained in the same posture like a statue, yet the Virtuous Sage of Heaven was able to detect the effects of the God Tier pill had already subsided without even releasing the senses of his soul. How could he not be shocked?



“Virtuous Sage of Heaven, you mean?” A sliver of shock appeared in the Darkstar Emperor’s eyes. His gaze rested on Kun Tian hesitantly. He was unable to tell whether Kun Tian had roused either. After a moment of silence, he asked, “Kun Tian, have you recovered your memories?”

Jian Chen opened his eyes and did not disguise his disappointment. He stood up and clasped his fist at the Darkstar Emperor. “I’ve disappointed your majesty. I haven’t recovered my memories.”

The uncertainty in the Darkstar Emperor’s eyes grew heavier. Kun Tian had not recovered. He was even prepared to use the Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures, which was something rare that could greatly benefit the soul, so why did the Virtuous Sage of Heaven send Kun Tian away?

The Virtuous Sage of Heaven did not give him an answer. Instead, he continued to say to Jian Chen, “Kun Tian, you have no business here anymore. You should go for now.”

The Darkstar Emperor was filled with doubt, but due to his absolute trust in the Virtuous Sage of Heaven, he followed his instructions and sent Jian Chen away.

“Virtuous Sage of Heaven, could you relieve me of my confusion?” the Darkstar Emperor asked the Virtuous Sage of Heaven after Jian Chen had left.

“Your majesty, I failed to sense any damage to Kun Tian’s soul. If that’s true, then it would mean his injuries are already beyond my capabilities. Please forgive me for being unable to do anything,” the Virtuous Sage of Heaven said calmly.

The Darkstar Emperor furrowed his brows firmly. “No damage? If there’s no damage, then why hasn’t Kun Tian’s memories recovered yet?”

“Perhaps it’s because of the Land of Soul Destruction. That’s one of the forbidden zones created when the planetary beast died back then after all. As long as it touches on matters or items at the planetary beast’s level, it isn’t strange for it to be unexplainable,” said the Virtuous Sage of Heaven.

The Darkstar Emperor nodded in agreement. He understood the Land of Soul Destruction better than anyone, as he had once remained in there for a lengthy period of time. He had been through the various dangers there a long time ago.

As a result, the Darkstar Emperor believed the fact that Kun Tian’s soul had already recovered, yet his memories were still missing, did not make absolutely no sense.

After all, matters regarding the Land of Soul Destruction touched on a level that was simply too high.

“Virtuous Sage of Heaven, is there really nothing else we can do? If Kun Tian doesn’t recover his memories, it’ll definitely affect the great ceremony drastically.” The Darkstar Emperor still refused to give up on even the slightest hope. After all, this would impact the great ceremony. With something that could decide the fate of the entire race at stake, he could not allow for any carelessness, much less any mistakes.

The Virtuous Sage of Heaven shook his head and said nothing else.

The Darkstar Emperor could not help but sigh. “Looks like all we can do is look for another way...”

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Elsewhere, Jian Chen locked himself up in a secret room the moment he returned to the fifth divine hall.

Within the dim room, Jian Chen shut his eyes and sat with his legs crossed. His expression was peaceful and tranquil, but in reality, his heart was like a stormy sea, kicking up great waves of shock.

The various scenes he had gone through in the Darkstar Divine Hall earlier replayed through his head constantly. The mysterious Virtuous Sage of Heaven made him feel an unprecedentedly-great threat.

The threat might not be tied to his life, but it did tie into his true identity.

That was because he had clearly sensed that the Virtuous Sage of Heaven had done absolutely nothing earlier. He had not even expanded a sliver of the senses of his soul, yet he was able to accurately determine that the effects of the God Tier pill had subsided in his body.

To be able to achieve this, this meant the Virtuous Sage of Heaven's strength had already reached an extremely terrifying level.

Of course, if that were all, it was possible to interpret it as the Virtuous Sage of Heaven possessing some other kind of special ability, allowing him to ignore the difference in cultivations and closely detect any changes regarding pills.

The Darkstar Emperor had originally prepared the Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures to recover Kun Tian's memories in case the God Tier pill failed. Yet towards the end, when the effects of the pill wore off, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven showed no intentions for Jian Chen to continue with ingesting the Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures. Instead, he directly told him to leave.

It was as if he were certain that even if Jian Chen ingested the Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures, it would have absolutely no effect at all. In other words, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven wanted to conserve the Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures. He did not wish to see something as precious as the Spiritual Fluid of Nine Apertures being used on Jian Chen.

However, regardless of the conclusions Jian Chen had reached from these, he felt greatly threatened. He was extremely worried over whether the Virtuous Sage of Heaven had seen through his identity or not.

Or perhaps the Virtuous Sage of Heaven had already seen through him?

Various thoughts flashed through Jian Chen's head, which made him uneasy.

He was not attached to this identity, but without this identity, saving Sacredfeather would become much more difficult.

And, he had even promised the Heartless Child to destroy the Darkstar race's great ceremony.

Whether it was saving Sacredfeather or destroying the ceremony, his disguise as Kun Tian would make it all much easier.

### **Chapter 2830: The Deadline Approaches**

"I never thought the Darkstar race would actually have someone like the Virtuous Sage of Heaven. Looks like I need to be careful in the future."

“But most importantly, I don’t know if the Virtuous Sage of Heaven has seen through my identity. He shouldn’t have, or he wouldn’t have been so calm if he suddenly discovered the fifth hall master was no longer the same person as before.”

Jian Chen thought to himself. Back in the Darkstar Divine Hall, he had been paying attention to every single action from the Virtuous Sage of Heaven the entire time. Now that he recalled it, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven had remained extremely calm the entire time in the Darkstar Divine Hall. He showed no signs of any emotional reaction.

“The mask that senior Mo Tianyun gave me is extraordinary. As long as I wear the mask, even Grand Primes can’t see through my true identity. The mask only loses its function before peak figures who have reached the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Grand Prime. The origins of the Virtuous Sage of Heaven and what he’s capable of might be a mystery, but it’s impossible for him to be an expert like that.”

“That’s because this is the Darkstar World, a special place where Chaotic Primes cannot appear as of right now.”

Thinking up to this, Jian Chen’s nervous heart finally settled down. He eased up by quite a lot.

Of course, the thing that gave him the greatest confidence was still his strength. Right now within the Darkstar race, no one could threaten him apart from the Darkstar Emperor.

However, after learning about the existence of the Virtuous Sage of Heaven, Jian Chen also understood something. The Darkstar race might have been puny, but they still had a glorious past after all. Even though they had declined, they still could not be underestimated.

Who knew whether there were any more special, unknown existences like the Virtuous Sage of Heaven hiding in the Darkstar World? Who knew how many more of them existed?

This made him develop a little more caution towards the Darkstar race, a race that was technically still very weak.

Jian Chen had no idea that as he remained in the secret room of the fifth divine hall, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven who existed as an illusionary figure stood in the imperial palace above the ten divine halls silently like a ghost. His eyes that were hidden in the mist, such that no one could see them, were currently fixed in the direction of the fifth divine hall.

His gaze seemed to be able to lock onto Jian Chen’s current position with great accuracy. He actually stared straight at the location of the secret room with perfect precision.

“Jian Chen, oh Jian Chen. You’ve really run around in the Darkstar race lately, haven’t you? The strange mask you brought prevents anyone in the Darkstar race from seeing through your true identity apart from me, and behaving as an amnesiac also provides a suitable cover for anything that can lead to misgivings, but you shouldn’t treat the upper echelon of the Darkstar race as brainless idiots that you can simply fool around with.”

“If it’s just once or twice, then so be it, but if this becomes a habit, you will give yourself away someday.”

“It doesn’t matter if you give yourself away, but if you get in the way of my business, then you truly deserve to die. Though, you still can’t die in the Darkstar World.”

“I hope my appearance will make you raise your guard. Don’t be so reckless again. Since you’ve chosen the identity of Kun Tian, then you should act out the role of Kun Tian to the end.”

The Virtuous Sage of Heaven hovered in the air like a ghost. No one could discover his existence as he said with a voice that only he could hear.

During the next few days, Jian Chen did not leave the fifth divine hall again. On the surface, the reason was to study high grade Godking grass as if he was currently investigating and experimenting with the method to make use of the energy in Godking grass, but in reality, he was coming up with countermeasures for the various situations he could potentially encounter.

The Virtuous Sage of Heaven’s existence forced Jian Chen to make early preparations for the worst-case scenario.

Three days passed in the blink of an eye. Today was the final deadline Jian Chen had given the Hundred Saint City to gather divine crystals.

“Three days have already passed. I wonder how the divine crystal gathering process has been going with the Hundred Saint City.” Jian Chen emerged from the secret room after three days. He handed the waste from the several hundred stalks of high grade Godking grass he had destroyed during the three days to a servant before leaving once again with Bing Yuan.

The Darkstar Emperor learnt about what happened in the Hundred Saint City pretty quickly. He’s already been paying attention to the situation there. He might have already planted people there. Combined with the mysterious and strange Virtuous Sage of Heaven, it looks like I need to be a little more careful in the Hundred Saint City, Jian Chen thought. His visit to the Darkstar Divine Hall had made him extremely cautious.

In the Pantheon Divine Hall, all the organisations stationed in the Hundred Saint City had already gathered together. Everyone sat around the large discussion table silently, uneasy and nervous, which made the atmosphere of the Pantheon Divine Hall extremely heavy.

A single sentence echoed through their heads, which was about the fifty places the fifth hall master had offered three days ago.

The end result of these fifty places directly made them grow more nervous and uneasy each time they looked around the table.

That was because while there were not a hundred organisations in the Hundred Saint City, there were still around eighty to ninety of them. That also meant over a third of the organisations would not be permitted to remain in the Hundred Saint City any longer.

That was far too high of a rejection rate, so high that everyone present felt threatened.

“Has the clan still not answered?” Lei Yun of the Heavenly Lightning asked the servant beside him again and again. He could be described as the most nervous and anxious person present, as basically all the prodigies from the other organisations had gathered enough divine crystals, while his Heavenly Lightning clan had remained silent the entire time.

The servant shook his head. He also felt extremely uneasy. Had the Heavenly Lightning clan given up on their business in the Darkstar race already?

“The fifth hall master arrives!”

At this moment, a resonant voice rang out outside the Pantheon Divine Hall. The prodigies seated around the table all leapt to their feet. They all bowed sternly and solemnly towards the fifth hall master at exactly the same time as he strode in.

Jian Chen directly made his way over to the seat of honour and sat down, while Bing Yuan stood to one side silently. However, his eyes shone slightly, hiding a hint of eagerness in his gaze towards the prodigies.

That was because their fifth divine hall would also run out of divine crystals too. Even though they had already purchased a large quantity of divine crystals, it was still not enough. Whether they could resolve the issue of divine crystals would all be up to today.

“Everyone, you must all know why I’ve come already. Since that’s the case, I’ll get right to the point. The deadline of three days is up. What is everyone planning to do?” Jian Chen cut right to the chase as soon as he spoke, looking at everyone with brimming interest.