

## Chaotic 2851

### Chapter 2851: The Virtuous Sage's Scheme

The spear collided with the Darkstar Emperor's triangular shield and erupted with a great boom. A violent storm of energy was created, sweeping through the surroundings madly and destroying everything in its path.

The triangular shield shook violently. Even though it was a medium quality god artifact, it had clearly been damaged before, so all aspects of the shield were slightly weaker than other medium quality god artifacts. As a result, after receiving the Chaotic Prime's strike, the entire shield almost ran out of energy.

A tiny crack had even begun to spread on the edge of the shield.

Behind the shield, the barrier cast down with the power of the Darkstar Emperor's very cultivation served as the final line of defence against the storm of energy. The barrier shook violently and rapidly dimmed.

Bang!

At this moment, another deafening boom rang out. The energy that the Darkstar Emperor had gathered on his hand was enough to twist the space of the Darkstar World and constantly create tiny, black cracks. In the end, it slammed against the spear viciously.

The power in this strike of his was anything but small. It had already surpassed the limits of the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime, no weaker than an attack from a First Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime.

The spear was sent flying by the Darkstar Emperor's palm strike. It rapidly dimmed and shrunk at the same time, going from three hundred meters long to ten.

Inside the spear, the illusionary figure of the artifact spirit had already faded to the point where he had basically vanished. Only his eyes could still be barely made out.

At that moment, his eyes were fixed on the Darkstar Emperor; they were filled with undisguised hatred.

The hatred was not directed towards the Darkstar Emperor alone, but at the Darkstar race, every single member of the Darkstar race.

"Darkstar race, even if I have to die, I'll take you all down with me." Resolve appeared in the artifact spirit's hateful gaze. When the spear that had shrunken to ten meters long approached the Darkstar Emperor, it exploded loudly.

The energy of the spear was not all that exploded. The artifact spirit of the Hundred Saint City exploded too.

The entire artifact spirit, as well as the remaining energy in the spear, all leaked out in that moment.

It had no other choice. Although the spear condensed from all the power of the hundred Saint City possessed the might of Chaotic Primes, it was not truly a Chaotic Prime after all. The energy would diminish with each sliver used. It would lose the might of a Chaotic Prime after an attack or two.

As a result, faced with the powerful Darkstar Emperor, all it could do was blow up itself as well as all the residual energy in the spear.

Immediately, the entire Darkstar World shook. The self-destruction of the artifact spirit could be described as devastating. Not only did space shatter from the explosion, becoming riddled with spatial cracks, but even the ground below had been reduced to a bottomless abyss.

The destructive storm of energy ran amok in the surroundings, and the barrier the Darkstar Emperor cast down shattered. The storm of energy did not weaken at all, sweeping towards the capital city like it was unstoppable.

In the capital city, the expressions of all the cultivators of the Darkstar race changed drastically. Even the expressions of the various hall masters and vice hall masters completely changed.

The storm of energy was equivalent to the self-destruction of a Chaotic Prime. The power it contained was far too terrifying, making all of them pale in fright. Before this power that had already exceeded Infinite Prime, even the hall masters felt extremely helpless.

Even the first hall master who possessed the highest cultivation among them at the Seventh Heavenly Layer was as insignificant as a lone skiff in the raging seas when he faced the power of the explosion. He was unable to stop it at all. All he could do was barely protect himself.

This was power on the level of Chaotic Primes. It had completely reached a whole different realm.

“It’s all over...” In that moment, all the hall masters and vice hall masters experienced the same thought of despair.

They understood that once the storm of energy swallowed the capital city, the great ceremony would definitely be disrupted.

However, right when the storm of energy was about to reach the capital city, the Darkstar Emperor’s figure suddenly appeared.

Even though he had endured the damage from the artifact spirit’s self-destruction, he had clearly paid a certain price. He was disheveled and his clothes were in tatters, while his face had a smear of pale-white.

Most importantly, there was actually a trace of blood near the corner of the Darkstar Emperor’s lips.

This only proved that even the Darkstar Emperor had sustained some injuries from the self-destruction of the artifact spirit.

Suddenly, the Darkstar Emperor took action. His presence erupted, and the energy in his body poured out like tidal waves. He struck out again and again with his palms, sending imprints forward.

Each palm imprint was composed of heavy energy, woven with laws and ways.

Each palm imprint was three hundred meters high and radiating with tremendous pressure. When it made contact with the incoming storm of energy, it constantly whittled it down.

At the same time, the triangular shield suddenly expanded, reaching high into the sky, becoming even larger than the capital city. It landed outside the capital city like a shield that touched the sky.

The seal that the spear had knocked away flew back as a streak of light, becoming as large as a mountain in a single instant and crushing down towards the ground with a tremendous pressure, also standing between the storm of energy and the capital city.

Inside the Darkstar Divine Hall, a set of damaged armour flew out, radiating with a gentle light that enveloped the entire city.

The light also possessed an extremely great power of defence.

In order to ensure the safety of the capital city and to prevent the great ceremony from being affected, the Darkstar Emperor used everything available to him, unleashing his full strength.

On the altar, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven gazed in the direction of the Darkstar Emperor and murmured with a voice that only he could hear, "With the Darkstar Emperor's abilities, he is more than capable enough to protect the capital city and prevent the great ceremony from being affected, but this has created a great opportunity for Jian Chen."

"However, I can't place all my hopes on Jian Chen either. It's about time for me to make my final preparations." With that, the illusionary figure of the Virtuous Sage of Heaven actually shed a part of his power, which then vanished into thin air.

No one among the entire Darkstar race noticed his actions.

The power that the Virtuous Sage of Heaven had shed appeared above the Hundred Saint City in a single breath, condensing into the same illusionary figure again.

"The Hundred Saint City has been assembled from countless supreme quality saint artifacts. Through a combination of formations, these saint artifacts have merged together a long time ago, forcefully pushing the quality of the Hundred Saint City to the level of medium quality god artifacts."

"If I move the entire Hundred Saint City to the capital city and blow it up, even with the Darkstar Emperor's Chaotic Prime battle prowess, there'll be nothing he can do. By then, not only will the entire capital city be annihilated, but the great ceremony will be completely disrupted too."

"However, the price for this is far too great. After all, it's different from the artifact spirit of the Hundred Saint City. Although I was the one who created the artifact spirit of the Hundred Saint City, its actions have nothing to do with me."

"But if I were to move the Hundred Saint City into the capital city and blow it up, I'll be taking personal action. By then, the power of the blood oath will definitely descend upon me. Not only will this soul clone completely disperse, but even my original body in the Saints' World will receive unimaginable damage..."

"Jian Chen, you mustn't let down the expectations I've placed on you. You must succeed. Don't force me into using this final move..."

**Chapter 2852 - Sudden Change During the Great Ceremony**

Outside the capital city, the explosion containing all the energy from the Hundred Saint City slammed against the capital city again and again like the surging sea.

The Darkstar Emperor stood outside the capital city alone. His presence blazed, like a god visiting the mortal realm, possessing divine might. He confronted the incoming storm of energy alone, preventing the destructive storm that could annihilate all from reaching the city walls.

Inside the capital city, the great ceremony had already reached a critical juncture. The Grand Exalt's essence blood had completely merged with Sacredfeather. As it strengthened his every aspect, it also seemed to alter his bloodline.

As a result, Sacredfeather seemed like a member of the Darkstar race through and through. The power of bloodlines his body emitted even vaguely pressured all members of the Darkstar race.

Having merged with the droplet of Grand Exalt's essence blood, Sacredfeather's bloodline had not reached the level of Grand Exalts, but it did manage to squeeze among the ranks of first descendants of Grand Exalts.

And, the power of the bloodline Sacredfeather gave off rapidly spread and expanded through the Darkstar World, merging with the world and the ways of the Darkstar World. It seemed like it was resonating with a certain power hidden within the depths of the space there.

The power was supreme, standing as lofty as the heavens. Its boundlessness and strength could not be described with words.

It was as if once this power had emerged, it could destroy everything in the world and fend off the very laws of the world, forcing the great ways into retreat.

However, this power was hidden away in the depths of space. Even sensing its existence required certain, special conditions. As for grasping or utilising it, that was even more difficult than ascending to the heavens.

Even Sacredfeather had only managed to open a door hidden in space with his presence. He could vaguely sense the existence of this power, achieving basic resonance after merging with the Grand Exalt's essence blood and elevating his bloodline to a certain level.

But that was all. For him to mobilise this power was still a fantasy beyond his reach.

And, Sacredfeather was completely unaware of this, as he had already fallen unconscious, unable to sense the outside world.

"The critical moment is here. Jian Chen, it's time for you to take action, or you'll have to watch as this divine beast dies before you." On the altar, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven's lips hidden behind the mist curled into an evil smile. His eyes shone with excitement and eagerness. He opened his mouth suddenly, and his voice echoed through the entire city. "Sacrifice the divine beast!" With that, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven waved his hand dramatically, and he immediately sprinkled the altar with green blood filled with vitality.

That was the blood of Life-devouring Beasts. From the strength of the residual energy in the blood, it came from a Primordial realm Life-devouring Beast!

At the same time, thousands of members of the Darkstar race in the capital city fished out a bottle, removing the cap and sprinkling the blood of Life-devouring Beasts into the air.

Immediately, energy of life with the presence of the Wood Spirits permeated the capital city. It reached the altar high in the air, directly enveloping the entire structure.

Simultaneously, the supreme power hidden within the space seemed to sense something. Like it was awakened from its slumber, a tremendous might gradually spread out.

Soon afterwards, the formation assembled from the ten divine halls and the Darkstar Divine Hall suddenly sprang into action.

Sacrificing Sacredfeather required the ten divine halls and the Darkstar Divine Hall to complete the ritual!

Once the great ceremony reached this stage, it would mean Sacredfeather's head had already been placed on the chopping block, while the formation assembled from the divine halls was a blade.

Now, the blade was prepared to fall.

Boom!

However, a colossal rumble suddenly rang out at this exact moment. With the rumble, a ripple of energy powerful enough to make the vice hall masters all pale suddenly swept through the ten divine halls.

Among the ten divine halls, the fifth divine hall seemed to have received an unimaginably heavy impact, shattering to pieces in the air and falling out of the sky as countless fragments.

The three vice hall masters of the fifth divine hall, Bing Yuan, Tarot, and Dou Wujin, were all perplexed as they were launched far away from the shockwave the great energy created.

The energy was far too great. It had completely reached the upper spectrum of Infinite Prime. After shattering the fifth divine hall, the energy spread towards the nine other divine halls, as well as the Darkstar Divine Hall. With a violent collision, all of the divine halls rocked violently, swaying to and fro and shifting from position.

The formation had originally been cast down by the ten divine halls and the Darkstar Divine Hall. Now that the fifth divine hall was destroyed and the other divine halls had been shifted from their original positions, the formation obviously fell apart.

The sudden change during the ceremony left everyone in the city dumbfounded. The nine hall masters and all the vice hall masters were stunned. As they gazed at the shattered fifth divine hall, none of them had any idea what had happened.

As for all the members of the Darkstar race kneeling on the ground below, they were thrown into bewilderment. They had no idea what to do. Some of them stared at the falling fragments of the fifth divine hall and even forgot to dodge for a moment.

As for Jian Chen, he strode through the air the moment the fifth divine hall shattered and arrived before the spatial furnace. His gaze was cold as the God Tier sword that belonged to Kun Tian appeared in his hand, emitting a dazzling streak of light.

Afterwards, Jian Chen wielded the sword and directly swung it at the spatial furnace.

“Kun Tian, have you lost your mind? What are you doing?” The Virtuous Sage of Heaven cried out from the altar, both surprised and furious.

Only at this moment did the nine hall masters notice that Jian Chen had already approached the spatial furnace. In particular, when they saw the sword radiating with energy in Kun Tian’s hand being swung at the spatial furnace, they were all frightened out of their wits.

“Kun Tian, what are you doing? Stop...”

“Kun Tian, stop right now. You’ll disrupt the great ceremony like this...”

“Kun Tian, you mustn’t. Stop right now...”

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At that moment, the expressions of all the Primordial realm experts who witnessed the situation changed. Their gazes became filled with disbelief.

“Kun Tian, stop!” At the same time, the Darkstar Emperor’s dignified and furious voice rang out from outside the capital city. He used his full strength to disperse the fragment of energy in front of him before rushing back into the capital city as quickly as he could, without regard for anything else.

Boom!

Another deafening rumble rang out above the capital city. Jian Chen ignored everyone’s pleas. His eyes shone coldly as the space near his sword shattered, becoming riddled with cracks. In the end, the sword struck the spatial furnace viciously.

The spatial furnace was very tough, but it was unable to withstand the force behind this strike. A great hole immediately appeared.

### **Chapter 2853: The Bronze Lamp**

“Kun Tian!” The Darkstar Emperor bellowed furiously. Flames of anger burned in his eyes as his presence surged into the clouds. The tremendous pressure it gave off made all the Primordial realm experts in the Hundred Saint City shiver.

He moved extremely quickly. The moment Jian Chen landed a strike on the spatial furnace, the Darkstar Emperor had already arrived at the other side of the spatial furnace. He directly extended his hand and suddenly closed it towards Jian Chen from afar.

With that, he seemed to mobilise the power of the world. Immediately, the laws of the world began to flow and origin energy began to surge. Energy as turbulent as a river condensed in the surroundings in that moment, crushing towards Jian Chen.

Clearly, the Darkstar Emperor had already become overwhelmed with rage. Although he did not use his full strength this time, he had no intentions of holding back. As a result, the strike was well beyond what any Sixth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime could block.

However, Jian Chen was unfazed. Chaotic Force flowed circulated in his body, filling every inch in a single instant, pushing the defences of the Chaotic Body to the limit. He used his sturdy body to forcefully endure the Darkstar Emperor's restraint.

The Darkstar Emperor's restraint was extremely powerful. It squeezed space until it distorted. Before this absolute power, Jian Chen's entire skeleton creaked, and his entire body seemed to shrink slightly.

If he had been a Sixth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime from the Darkstar race, his body probably would have ruptured and been torn to pieces a long time ago under this great force, no longer whole.

Only Jian Chen's Chaotic Body could endure it with its basically deviant defences and self-recovery.

The Darkstar Emperor's eyes immediately narrowed with this sight. A sliver of shock flashed through them. He was extremely surprised by how Kun Tian who had reached the Sixth Heavenly Layer recently could actually withstand his power with so much ease.

At this moment, the god artifact sword in Jian Chen's hand shone with dazzling light again. With surging sword Qi, he slashed out three times in a single instant.

He struck out extremely quickly, completing the attacks in a flash. The three streaks of light seemed to merge together. Resplendent light illuminated the surroundings, riddling the surrounding space with cracks.

In particular, the three strands of light possessed slivers of might that belonged to a god artifact, as well as the destructive energy of Chaotic Force. In the end, the three slashes completely surpassed the Sixth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime, reaching the Seventh Heavenly Layer.

They were so powerful that even the first hall master who was publicly recognised as the greatest expert of the ten divine halls changed drastically in expression.

"How is Kun Tian so powerful..." The first hall master murmured in a daze, as to him, the power in Kun Tian's strikes seemed like they were at the Seventh Heavenly Layer, but they had actually reached the Eighth Heavenly Layer already.

Meanwhile, the faces of the seventh hall master Getti and the fourth hall maser Irvin who had clashed with Jian Chen in the past became extremely fascinating. There was stupefaction, shock, and confusion, but most of it was fear.

They could sense how shocking of a level Kun Tian's three strikes had reached. This was already a force well beyond what they could contend with.

"Oh no, the hall master is under the influence of the planetary beast's will again. The planetary beast's power must have erupted on him. Hall master, wake up, please! Come to your senses! Please don't make a huge mistake..." Bing Yuan, Tarot, and Dou Wujin hovered in the distant sky as they called out urgently.

Everything happened much faster than it could be described, happening in a split second. Jian Chen's three strikes collided against the Darkstar Emperor's restraining force with enough power to shock all the Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race.

Boom!

A thunderous rumble immediately rang through the air. The entire capital city shook, cracks spread across the ground, and the city walls began to collapse. When the tremendous ripple of energy descended, all the hall masters and vice hall masters, apart from the first hall master, were pushed back into a constant retreat, struggling to stabilise themselves.

As for the weaker members of the Darkstar race on the ground, they suffered heavy casualties, all dying to this storm of energy.

The Darkstar Emperor's restraining force had been split open by Jian Chen's attacks. Afterwards, Jian Chen did not stop at all, taking a step and immediately entering the spatial furnace with his sword. He arrived beside the unconscious Sacredfeather.

As soon as he entered the spatial furnace, Jian Chen sensed that the space in there was completely different. Even though the spatial furnace had already stopped operating, the heavy might of the heavens still permeated the interior.

This was the power of the world, or in other words, the power of the ways, as well as the power of the Darkstar World.

Perhaps only power on such a level possessed the impossible ability to change and remake the very world around it, modifying Sacredfeather's bloodline.

However, as soon as Jian Chen entered the spatial furnace, the Darkstar Emperor entered it too. His eyes were filled with anger he could not suppress, like a volcano that had already erupted. His killing intent surged wildly.

That was because he had already noticed that Kun Tian was trying to steal the divine beast. The divine beast was crucial to the great ceremony. If they lost it, the great ceremony would definitely end in failure.

And, Kun Tian's actions that had crossed the line would also cause an immeasurable impact to the great ceremony.

He had completely crossed the Darkstar Emperor's bottom line, making the Darkstar Emperor direct his killing intent towards his own clansmen for the first time in countless years. Moreover, it was an important member of the ten divine halls at that.

However, right when the Darkstar Emperor was about to unleash his full strength and execute Kun Tian on the spot, he suddenly noticed that Kun Tian's eyes had become extremely piercing. At the same time, sword Qi of absolute power that could sever the laws and ways and destroy the world and space-time suddenly descended.

The appearance of the sword Qi immediately alarmed the Darkstar Emperor. His heart surged wildly, as he could sense a terrifying power that even made his soul tremble within the sword Qi.

Above Jian Chens' head, two strands of tiny, finger-sized sword Qi appeared silently. The terrifying power that made the Darkstar Emperor's soul tremble came from these two strands of sword Qi.



However, these two strands of sword Qi had appeared quickly and vanished even more quickly. It had truly been a flash. They had vanished before a moment had even elapsed after they appeared. What vanished with them was the startling sword intent that swept through the sky.

The Darkstar Emperor's eyes narrowed violently. At that moment, he was unable to remain composed anymore. For once, shock filled his face, as he could already see the two strands of sword Qi hurtling towards his face with indescribably-terrifying speed.

The speed seemed to have surpassed the restraints of time and the concept of spatial distance. Before the sword Qi, even supreme experts who had reached Grand Prime probably were unable to dodge it, let alone him who had never truly reached Chaotic Prime.

Silently, the two strands of sword Qi plunged into the Darkstar Emperor's forehead. All of the defensive measures the Darkstar Emperor had taken beforehand were basically non-existent before the two strands of sword Qi. They achieved nothing.

As the two strands of sword Qi flew out, a hint of exhaustion quickly appeared on Jian Chen's face. The two strands of sword Qi had consumed half of the power of his soul in a single moment. A wave of dizziness immediately hit him.

Jian Chen endured the dizziness and grabbed Sacredfeather, placing him in the divine hall he carried on him.

The entire process unfolded extremely smoothly. There were no accidents at all. Only when he personally saw Sacredfeather lying peacefully in the divine hall did Jian Chen finally let out a sigh of relief inside.

Sacredfeather's situation was unknown right now, and he had no idea how he was doing, but he had saved him at the very least.

Afterwards, he directed his gaze towards the Darkstar Emperor, immediately becoming filled with killing intent and horrifying malice.

However, after receiving the two strands of Profound Sword Qi, his wounds were not as severe as Jian Chen imagined them to be. His body shuddered violently before stabilising very soon. A small, detailed lamp made of bronze, only an inch high, hovered above the top of his head.

A single flame burned on top of the bronze lamp, sprinkling with a hazy light that enveloped the Darkstar Emperor, protecting the Darkstar Emperor's soul at the same time.

Most of the power from the two strands of Profound Sword Qi had been blocked by this tiny lamp. As a result, while the Darkstar Emperor's soul sustained some injuries, they were not as heavy as Jian Chen imagined they would be.

#### **Chapter 2854: Who Are You Exactly?**

Jian Chen frowned. He gazed at the bronze lamp hovering above the Darkstar Emperor and felt it was quite the pity.

Ever since he refined the Profound Sword Qi, they had never failed him, succeeding every single time. There had never been any opponent who managed to withstand it.

Even experts an entire major cultivation realm higher than him were powerless before the Profound Sword Qi, forced to endure it.

Yet today, before the Darkstar Emperor, his Profound Sword Qi had been blocked for the first time, and that was when he used two strands at the same time.

Logically speaking, two strands of Profound Sword Qi were already enough to injure the souls of any First Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime, let alone the Darkstar Emperor who had never truly reached Chaotic Prime and was still a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime.

However, in Jian Chen's eyes right now, the Darkstar Emperor's soul could basically be described as unfazed. He had only been slightly affected.

"He actually possesses a god artifact that can block soul attacks on him?" Jian Chen could not help but grow stern. He could already tell that the Darkstar Emperor's bronze lamp was very special and unique. It only seemed to have one function, which was to protect the soul and block all attacks that targeted the soul.

The Profound Sword Qi was obviously also a form of soul attack.

With the protection of the bronze lamp, Jian Chen's Profound Sword Qi was immediately rendered useless.

And, he could tell that the bronze lamp had already merged with the Darkstar Emperor's soul. As long as the bronze lamp remained, the Darkstar Emperor's soul would never perish. The bronze lamp and him basically coexisted.

If the lamp was present, then he was present. If the lamp was destroyed, then he would be dead!

"The bronze lamp is actually a high quality god artifact. If I want to destroy this high quality god artifact, then let alone using two strands of Profound Sword Qi, even if I use all four strands of Profound Sword Qi, I won't even be able to make it shake. The level of my Profound Sword Qi is far too low right now. It's just the four strands I condensed when I was at Sword Spirit..."

"Only when my comprehension of the Way of the Sword reaches the major achievement or great perfection of Sword Sage and I condense the seventh or even eighth strand of Profound Sword Qi can these attacks bypass the defence of the bronze lamp. After all, a high quality god artifact can only be destroyed by Grand Primes, and stronger Grand Primes at that," Jian Chen thought as his face became ugly.

The existence of the bronze lamp had already made him understand he was unable to kill the Darkstar Emperor no matter what. At most, he could destroy his body, but not his soul.

"To think that a measly Infinite Prime has such an unbelievable life-saving measure. Just this bronze lamp alone is enough to drive the Grand Primes of the Saints' World into a frenzy. They truly are a race that produced a Grand Exalt. Sure enough, their heritage runs deep." In that moment, even Jian Chen became rather envious of the Darkstar race.

To the other side, the Darkstar Emperor stared straight at Jian Chen. His eyes were filled with shock, disbelief, and surging anger. He said with an icy voice, basically squeezing each word through his teeth, "You're not Kun Tian at all. Tell me, just- who- are- you- exactly..."

"Who are you exactly..."

"Who are you exactly..."

"Who are you exactly..."

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When the Darkstar Emperor said the last "who are you exactly", he had completely roared it out. Sound waves swept out, rumbling like thunder as it echoed through the surroundings and the capital city.

Not only was there surging fury in the voice, but there was also a sense of utter madness.

The mighty fifth hall master, a great figure of imposing authority only second to him in the Darkstar race, had actually been replaced and imitated by someone alone, and this person had maintained this disguise for such a long time right before him without being discovered. This had far too great of an impact on the Darkstar Emperor.

Aside from that, because Jian Chen had saved Sacredfeather and moved him into a divine hall he carried on him, Sacredfeather's presence vanished from the world that belonged to the Darkstar race.

Without Sacredfeather's presence for interaction and resonance, the residual powers of the Grand Exalt hidden in the space of the Darkstar World were gradually fading away.

Having reached this point, the great ceremony could be described as mostly failed already.

This series of events drove the Darkstar Emperor mad, and the rage he experienced surged endlessly, enough to make him destroy worlds and blind his eyes.

"What? He's not Kun Tian?"

"Kun Tian right now isn't Kun Tian. H- How is that possible..."

"Impossible. That's impossible. If he's not Kun Tian, then who is he? Even an outsider who entered the Darkstar World can't be this strong..."

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In the capital city, everyone was thrown into chaos because of what the Darkstar Emperor said. In particular, the hall masters and vice hall masters who had interacted with Jian Chen multiple times were all filled with disbelief.

The impact of what the Darkstar Emperor had said was like being struck by a bolt of lightning to them, jolting them to the point where they blanked out.

"He really can't be Kun Tian. Kun Tian isn't this powerful, and Kun Tian's Way of the Sword is nowhere near as strong or as sharp as this person's. Most importantly, the startling sword intent that suddenly appeared just then has completely exceeded all of our understanding. It's impossible for Kun Tian to

know something like that, as such a powerful secret technique does not exist within our Darkstar race,” said the first hall master. His face was extremely ugly, and his voice was exceedingly stern. The gaze from his old eyes was extremely shocking as if he was trying to strip down Jian Chen. He barked coldly, “State your true identity! Just who are you exactly!?”

The eight other hall masters all remained silent. Their expressions changed rapidly. Actually, with the first hall master’s analysis and upon considering Kun Tian’s behaviour recently, they had basically confirmed that the person before them was not Kun Tian.

“Who are you exactly? Who are you exactly? Why do you have Kun Tian’s god artifacts? What have you done to Kun Tian? Tell me, what have you done to Kun Tian exactly? Where is the real Kun Tian...” The tenth hall master Feng Xue shuddered violently. Her face was filled with gloom and despair. She seemed to have lost her mind. With a sharp scream, she charged towards Jian Chen in the air madly.

“No matter who you are, hand over the divine beast!” It was also at this moment that the Darkstar Emperor called out. The malice from his body rose up as his killing intent surged towards the sky, directly unleashing his swiftest attack at Jian Chen.

He launched a punch, unleashing his battle prowess at Chaotic Prime to shatter space. The punch was vicious and brutal, arriving before Jian Chen in a single instant.

At the same time, a seal also flew into the air, turning into the size of a small mountain as it hovered in the sky. It gave off a startling aura as it fell from above Jian Chen’s head.

Jian Chen had experienced the power of the seal once before, but this time, the feeling that the seal gave him was completely different. Last time, the Darkstar Emperor had no intention of harming anyone, so he had controlled the power of the seal perfectly. When he suppressed Jian Chen, he had not caused him the slightest injury.

But this time, Jian Chen could sense a tremendous might of lethality from the seal. This was a power out to kill. As the seal fell, the space below was unable to endure this great power and began to shatter and collapse in large swathes.

### **Chapter 2855: Fighting the Emperor**

Faced with an attack on the level of Chaotic Primes from the Darkstar Emperor, Jian Chen dared not be careless at all. He completely unleashed his strength without holding back. Within his dantian, the chaotic neidan that seemed to have reached the limit of its current realm revolved rapidly, spitting out strands of Chaotic Force.

Around Jian Chen, endless light from the Way of the Sword condensed before all gathering in the god artifact sword in his hand. He thrust the sword as hard as he could.

Boom!

The sword surging with light collided with the Darkstar Emperor’s punch, producing a great rumble. Destructive storms of energy swept out, tearing wildly through the surroundings.

Before Feng Xue, who had just charged over from the tenth divine hall, could even get close to Jian Chen, this ripple of energy struck her. Immediately, she let out a grunt and was forced back. Pushed by the energy ripple, she fell towards the ground uncontrollably.

In particular, a few scattered strands of sword Qi were mixed into the ripple of energy. Even though they had already been reduced to pieces, they were still extremely sharp, piercing through Feng Xue's protective energy with ease and leaving behind bloody marks on her body.

"Feng Xue, back away right now. This battle has already reached a level beyond what we can interfere with. Don't worry, the emperor will definitely capture this person and force out Kun Tian's whereabouts from him." A vice hall master comforted below, but even he sighed again and again inside. The god artifact armour and sword that belonged to Kun Tian had already ended up in this person's hands, so could Kun Tian still be fine?

In the air, the Darkstar Emperor's punch was heavy and forceful, actually causing Jian Chen pressure he struggled to resist. When the fist and sword collided, the surging glow on the sword immediately shattered, and a crack immediately appeared in Kun Tian's god artifact sword, perhaps from damage taken beforehand.

And, the crack spread quickly, covering the entire sword very soon. In the end, it completely shattered into countless fragments with a bang.

Just a single punch had destroyed a god artifact!

After destroying the god artifact sword, the Darkstar Emperor's punch still showed no signs of running out of strength. It plunged right towards Jian Chen like it was unstoppable, piercing Jian Chen's protective light and landing on Jian Chen's chest in the end with tremendous force.

A heavy thud of flesh striking flesh rang through the surroundings. Jian Chen's entire chest seemed to cave in as his body plummeted uncontrollably.

However, the seal was falling down over him. The tremendous pressure from the seal seemed to form some kind of restraining force. As such, Jian Chen, who was supposed to be launched very far away, only backed away three meters in the end. The seal's restraining force had anchored him to where he stood.

Jian Chen let out a furious roar at the sky. Chaotic Force flowed turbulently through his body, and his chest that had caved in from the Darkstar Emperor's punch immediately turned back to normal. His wounds had also recovered completely in a single moment. He punched out again and again, directing his fist at the sky and engaging in the most violent clash with the descending seal.

Immediately, claps of thunder seemed to ring out in the sky. Jian Chen combined his Chaotic Body and Chaotic Force and borrowed the might of the Laws of the Sword to launch the most powerful of attacks. Every single punch could shatter space and every single collision was like thunder that could shake the heavens. The terrifying soundwaves alone had fragmented the ground below and destroyed the walls of the capital city. Countless members of the Darkstar race went both blind and deaf, having been shaken to a point where they bled from their eyes, nostrils, mouth, and ears.

The clash between Jian Chen and the Darkstar Emperor had been far too intense. Even the vice hall masters of the ten divine halls were unable to withstand it. They retreated again and again.

However, even with his full-strength attacks, Jian Chen was unable to stop the seal, as the power that the seal currency possessed had also surpassed the Ninth Heavenly layer of Infinite Prime and reached Chaotic Prime. Jian Chen's constant attacks only managed to weaken the force behind the seal.

Boom!

In the end, the seal smashed into Jian Chen with a tremendous weight well beyond what he could resist.

Jian Chen let out a grunt. His organs were shaken up violently, and his body was in turmoil. A little bit of blood trickled out of his mouth.

Afterwards, the seal continued all the way down with Jian Chen, falling out of the sky and mashing into the ground heavily like a mountain. It vanished from the surface of the earth instantly, becoming buried deep underground.

Even with Jian Chen's extraordinary battle prowess that even the first hall master admitted he paled in comparison to, a tremendous distance that could not be made up for clearly still existed between him and the Darkstar Emperor.

Originally, he had the Profound Sword Qi. As soon as he unleashed the Profound Sword Qi, he could even put up a fight if he actually confronted a First Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime, but the Darkstar Emperor happened to have the soul-protecting bronze lamp. As soon as the lamp was unleashed, Jian Chen's Profound Sword Qi became useless.

In the air, the Darkstar Emperor's face was frosty. He said nothing at all as he took a step, also venturing deep underground. He wanted to retrieve the divine beast and continue with the great ceremony.

Now that the great ceremony had been severely disrupted, the chances of failure had already increased drastically, but as long as he could retrieve the divine beast to be sacrificed, then there was still some hope of success.

This also had to do with his opportunity to reach Chaotic Prime, and it also affected the fate of the entire Darkstar race. Even if there was only the slightest hope, the great ceremony had to continue.

However, when the Darkstar Emperor entered the pit created by the seal, his face stiffened, as he was unable to sense Jian Chen's presence at all.

Jian Chen was no longer in the pit anymore!

Virtually at the same time, there was an explosion in the Darkstar Divine Hall. The teleportation formation established on the square outside the Darkstar Divine Hall was suddenly torn to pieces. A powerful strand of sword Qi forcefully cut it to pieces.

Jian Chen's figure had already appeared above the Darkstar Divine Hall before anyone had realised.

The Darkstar Emperor let out a cold snort underground. He rushed out in a single instant and pressed towards Jian Chen with the might of a Chaotic Prime, arriving instantly.

But at this moment, the Laws of Space rippled in Jian Chen's surroundings, and he suddenly vanished, appearing above the first divine hall like he had teleported. Before the first hall master could even respond, he stomped down heavily on the first divine hall.

The entire first divine hall shook violently. A huge crack spread from Jian Chen's foot, rapidly expanding in all directions like a web, and the first divine hall's teleportation formation received a powerful attack and shattered loudly.

After the teleportation formation shattered, the first divine hall that hovered in the air was unable to maintain its integrity either due to too many cracks. Soon afterwards, the entire first divine hall collapsed like that.

The ten divine halls, as well as the Darkstar Divine Hall, were god artifacts, but they were all damaged. Although they had been repaired later, they could not compare to when they were in perfect shape. With Jian Chen's current strength, apart from the Darkstar Divine Hall that was a high quality god artifact, destroying the ten divine halls that were all low quality god artifacts was nothing difficult.

After destroying the first divine hall, Jian Chen did not halt for even a moment, rushing towards the second divine hall. And, as he lifted his hand, he shot out huge strands of sword Qi. Each strand of sword Qi was completely white, radiating with blinding light as they shot towards the other divine halls at the same time.

"How dare you!" On top of the Darkstar Divine Hall, the Darkstar Emperor's face was as cold as frost and killing intent surged through his eyes. He charged towards Jian Chen immediately.

Near the second divine hall, the hall master Arna was also furious. He let out an explosive bellow and took action decisively to stop Jian Chen without any regard for the difference in strength that existed.

### **Chapter 2856: Unstoppable**

Sensing Arna who charged towards him with hostility, a sliver of hesitance flashed through Jian Chen's eyes. Jian Chen did feel reluctance over attacking this person who had once stood on his side to contend against the five divine halls.

But very soon, his hesitation vanished completely, replaced by coldness.

He would never forget how the Darkstar race had treated Sacredfeather. Not only had they drained all of his essence blood, but they even wanted to sacrifice his life in the end. And, it was just so that they had a chance at breaking through to a higher realm of cultivation.

In Jian Chen's eyes, they were already unforgivable for these actions. Even if he slaughtered them all and destroyed the entire Darkstar race, he did not think it would be overkill.

With that, Jian Chen's eyes immediately became filled with killing intent. With a wave of his hand, another strand of sharp sword Qi shot out, stabbing towards Arna mercilessly.

With a boom, Jian Chen's sword Qi forced Arna back. He flew backwards, directly smashing into the second divine hall. His face became bright red.

After repelling Arna, Jian Chen arrived before the teleportation formation of the second divine hall. With a palm strike, tremendous power surged out and smashed the teleportation formation to pieces.

At the same time, there was a great boom from the teleportation formations of the third, fourth, ninth, and tenth divine halls. The sword Qi Jian Chen shot out had destroyed them all.

Only the sixth and seventh divine halls remained fine. Under the full strength of their respective hall masters, they had managed to block Jian Chen's sword Qi in the end.

The teleportation formation of the eighth divine hall was the only place Jian Chen had not attacked.

"Die, bastard!" The Darkstar Emperor had already exploded with fury. He approached Jian Chen quickly. Right when he was about to strike, he never expected Jian Chen to have no interest in becoming caught up with him at all. The Laws of Space pulsed around Jian Chen; he had already vanished like he had teleported, arriving above the fourth divine hall in an instant.

The moment he appeared, before the sixth hall master could even respond, he directly struck out, sending a palm strike towards the teleportation formation!

Boom!

The teleportation formation of the sixth divine hall had also been destroyed.

Seeing how Jian Chen had destroyed teleportation formation upon teleportation formation and collapsed divine hall after divine hall right under his watch, the Darkstar Emperor immediately became frantic and seething with fury. With a wave of his hand, the seal flew up from underground, hovering over the capital city with an endless power of restraint as if he wanted to seal up the entire city and lock up the region of space, limiting Jian Chen's Laws of Space.

Immediately, the space thickened like paste. Everyone felt like they were stuck in mud when they tried to move around. Everything became inconvenient.

The Laws of Space were also affected to a certain degree.

However, this effect was so light that it was negligible to Jian Chen, as his Laws of Space did not come from his own comprehension, but the Spatial Insect Emperor. As a result, his usage and grasp over the Laws of Space had already surpassed those Primordial realm experts who comprehended the Laws of Space by themselves.

Spatial Insects were exotic beasts born in space. They possessed a natural control over space, and Spatial Insect Emperors were the monarchs among Spatial Insects.

Jian Chen had absorbed the beast soul of the Spatial Insect Emperor. Although his grasp over space had yet to reach the same level as the Spatial Insect Emperor, it did bear some resemblance at the very least, so his compatibility with space was extremely high.

Silently, Jian Chen vanished once again, leaving where he was instantly through the Laws of Space. The endless power of restraint from the seal in the air was unable to hinder him at all.

In the next moment, a great rumble rang out from the seventh divine hall too. The elusive Jian Chen had easily destroyed the teleportation formation there.

"Bastard, die! The Bell of Suppression!"

The seventh hall master bellowed out. He seemed to have anticipated that Jian Chen would appear here, so he stopped caring about the condition of the teleportation formation. Instead, he had secretly begun preparing a powerful secret technique right from the beginning.



As a result, the moment the teleportation formation was destroyed was also the moment when the Bell of Suppression was formed. It loomed over Jian Chen so fast that he was unable to react to it.

This was the second time Jian Chen had witnessed the power of the Bell of Suppression. The first time was when he fought with Getti under the identity of Kun Tian. Back then, because he had to hide his strength, he put on the act that the Bell of Suppression had momentarily trapped him.

As for now...

Jian Chen pointed at the sky and emitted a streak of light with destructive Chaotic Force, which collided with the Bell of Suppression.

This time, the Bell of Suppression was like a clay pot, cut to pieces by Jian Chen's strand of sword Qi.

Afterwards, Jian Chen arrived before Getti instantly with the Laws of Space. With a flash of light, he stabbed at Getti mercilessly.

Getti was clad in god artifact armour and wielded a god artifact in hand. He was in his strongest state. Dazzling, golden light and surging flames poured out from his body. He used the Laws of Metal and Laws of Fire simultaneously, launching a strike as hard as he could.

Boom!

With a great rumble, the Laws of Metal on Getti collapsed immediately, while the roaring Laws of Fire turned into sparks, scattering across the sky.

Spurt! Getti's face paled as he spat out a mouthful of blood, staggering backwards. Each step bore tremendous weight, causing the seventh divine hall to shake endlessly.

"He has the Laws of Space. Let's pin him down together so that he can't escape!" The first hall master called out. A presence that belonged to a Seventh Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime erupted at full strength, crushing down on Jian Chen aggressively.

He could already tell that after having lost his god artifact, Jian Chen's battle prowess had fallen. His strength was no longer beyond his reach.

Immediately, the second hall master Arna and the sixth hall master Irvin charged towards Jian Chen with the first hall master, forming an encirclement with the seventh hall master Getti. They wanted to restrain Jian Chen and buy some time for the Darkstar Emperor.

The powerful presences and pressures from three Sixth Heavenly Layer and one Seventh Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime crushed down on Jian Chen without holding back at all. The colossal pressure and energy stirred up the space as much as possible, wanting to obstruct Jian Chen's Laws of Space.

"Tell me, where is Kun Tian exactly—" The tenth hall master Feng Xue also charged towards Jian Chen without any regard in sorrow.

At that moment, all of the hall masters from the ten divine halls had taken action, as they all detected that Jian Chen's battle prowess had already plummeted by quite a bit after losing his god artifact. Even though they were still not his opponent if they fought alone, they could still put up a fight with so many people throwing themselves at him.

At worst, they could delay him and prevent him from using the Laws of Space in time.

However, they had completely underestimated Jian Chen's compatibility with the Laws of Space. Even though they did everything they could to disturb the space there, even making the space ripple and show signs of instability from their combined efforts, it was still not enough to prevent Jian Chen from using the Laws of Space.

Jian Chen vanished eerily once more, changing the battlefield with the Laws of Space and avoiding contact with them.

When he reappeared, he was already standing in front of the eighth divine hall's teleportation formation.

"You've finally come here. I haven't specially waited for you here in vain." But at this very moment, the Darkstar Emperor's cold voice rang out. His figure appeared in front of the teleportation formation too, within arm's reach of Jian Chen.

Now, this was the actual Darkstar Emperor. The Darkstar Emperor had used a secret technique to conceal himself as early as when Jian Chen went out of his way to destroy the teleportation formations, lying in ambush near the teleportation formation of the eighth divine hall.

As for the other figure that stood before everyone, that was equivalent to a clone.

Now, the clone was currently dissolving.

"Who are you exactly? An outsider? No matter who you are, I'll tear your flesh from your bones," the Darkstar Emperor said with a bone-chilling voice. He struck out with his empty palm. The power of a Chaotic Prime filled the attack, directly freezing up space and trapping Jian Chen there.

"How presumptuous. Did you really think I didn't know you were lurking here?" Jian Chen said coldly. He wielded his fingers like a sword and stabbed out.

The moment he stabbed out, his vital energies and even his entire being seemed to meld into the space, merging as one perfectly. A small part of his arm, as well as the resplendent sword Qi, seemed to stab into space. However, it also seemed like they had entered another world, no longer present here.

The Shadowless Lifetaking Strike!

The Darkstar Emperor's face changed abruptly. In that moment, he discovered to his shock that a powerful strand of sword Qi had actually wormed into his body without any signs at all before slashing down viciously!

Immediately, powerful sword Qi erupted, and the Darkstar Emperor's organs instantly became heavily damaged. His vitality surged violently as sharp strands of sword Qi penetrated his flesh and pierced through his skin from inside out, shooting out of his body.

Immediately, the Darkstar Emperor's body seemed to become pregnant with countless strands of sword Qi. They shot out of his body endlessly, and he trembled violently, his face filled with disbelief.

Spurt!

Finally, the Darkstar Emperor coughed up a mouthful of blood. The strike had injured him!

“W- what is this ability?” the Darkstar Emperor exclaimed. Shock filled his face as his heart surged violently. He even staggered back in retreat. The energy behind his palm strike towards Jian Chen had been interrupted due to suddenly becoming heavily injured, which he withdrew.

It was far too strange and far too wondrous. The sword Qi had actually ignored all of his protective measures, as well as the difference in cultivation and comprehension. It seemed to have come from another space, directly appearing in his body and catching him off-guard.

Although the Darkstar Emperor had coughed up blood, Jian Chen felt no joy at all. Instead, he sighed gloomily inside, as he knew that while he had managed to heavily injure the Darkstar Emperor with the Shadowless Lifetaking Strike, this injury was not fatal to the Darkstar Emperor.

“With my current strength, it’s still not enough to shake up Chaotic Primes!” Jian Chen sighed inside. The Darkstar Emperor was far too powerful. If he had been some other Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, he would have sustained unimaginably heavy injuries even if he managed to survive the Shadowless Lifetaking Strike.

However, the Darkstar Emperor had only sustained a mild wound.

“Darkstar Emperor, I will return. My grievances with your Darkstar race aren’t over,” Jian Chen said to the Darkstar Emperor coldly and flatly.

Tossing that out, he turned around and vanished into the teleportation formation. Afterwards, the space around the teleportation formation trembled violently. Chaotic powers of space wreaked havoc, and the entire region suddenly collapsed. The teleportation formation of the eighth divine hall had also been completely obliterated in the collapsing space.

All of the teleportation formations, from the ten divine halls to even the Darkstar Divine Hall, had already been destroyed.

### **Chapter 2857: Going After the Medicinal Garden**

With the destruction of the last teleportation formation, the intense battle that occurred over the capital city of the Darkstar race finally came to an end.

That was because the many experts of the Darkstar race had already lost track of Jian Chen. They had no idea where he had fled to.

Although the battle had ended, the chaotic storms of energy that pervaded the region still had not dispersed completely. They wreaked havoc above the capital city as whirlwinds, moving through the capital city and destroying countless structures, kicking up dust that shrouded the entire region.

The battle that occurred today in the capital city was definitely the most intense battle that the Darkstar race had ever experienced after entering the Darkstar World. It touched on the highest realm of cultivation.

Battles at the Primordial realm could be described as devastating. From the battle between Jian Chen and the many Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race, they had virtually reduced this majestic and extremely prosperous capital city to ruins.

The tall walls in the surroundings had collapsed completely, and none of the structures in the city were intact either. Even a few of the ten divine halls that hovered in the air, symbolising authority and status among the Darkstar race, had been destroyed.

This loss, this setback, could be described as tremendous to the entire Darkstar race.

“Sigh, that person has fled from the capital city with the divine beast already, and he’s skilled in the Laws of Space, so it’ll probably be almost impossible to chase after him. With how everything has developed, the great ceremony... Sigh, it truly is our race’s misfortune to actually have such a powerful outsider infiltrate us silently at such an important time. Is this the will of the heavens? Or should you say this is the mysterious arrangements of the Grand Exalt of the Wood Spirits’ indestructible will...” In the air, on the altar, the Virtuous Sage of Heaven sighed constantly in dejection. His voice was filled with pity and regret, as well as a deep sense of helplessness that everyone could clearly notice.

And right now, he seemed even fainter as an illusionary figure. It was rather difficult to distinguish whether the Virtuous Sage of Heaven had become like this because of overexerting himself to host the great ceremony, or because of the backlash of a certain energy due to the failure of the ceremony.

The Darkstar Emperor, the ten hall masters, and all the vice hall masters gathered on the eighth divine hall. All of them stared at the destroyed teleportation formation as their hearts blazed with fury. Deep resentment was present in everybody’s eyes.

With how everything had played out, they all understood that the great ceremony this time had ended in complete failure.

Their great wish of being able to break through to Chaotic Prime could not come true either.

Feng Xue was also nearby, grief-stricken and in a complete daze.

“An outsider. That person must have been an outsider...” A vice hall master ground his teeth.

“He’s far too powerful. If he belonged to our Darkstar race, he definitely would be someone who made a name for himself tens of millions of years ago or even earlier. It’s impossible for him to remain out of the limelight for all this time. The only way to explain it is he’s an outsider...”

“But outsiders over a millennium old can’t enter our Darkstar World...”

“Don’t tell me that person is not even a thousand years old...”

“That’s impossible. He’s so powerful that he can even maneuver around a little with his majesty. How can such a terrifying expert not even be a thousand years old...”

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The many vice hall masters were unable to keep calm anymore. All of them were shocked.

The three vice hall masters of the fifth divine hall, Bing Yuan, Tarot, and Dou Wujin, remained silent. They were despondent as if they had received a colossal blow.

“Search for him. All of you, search for him. Send out everyone we have. Even if we have to turn over every single rock in the Darkstar World, we have to find him,” the Darkstar Emperor’s tone was icy-cold as he basically spoke through his teeth.

In the past, he had always seemed relaxed and at ease before the upper echelon of the Darkstar race. Nothing could influence his mood. He would remain calm and composed no matter what happened.

But now, the Darkstar Emperor’s face was sunken, and his cold eyes were filled with killing intent, making the upper echelon of the Darkstar race shiver.

The hall masters and vice hall masters all groaned inside. Not only did this outsider of unknown identity possess terrifyingly-powerful disguises, but his battle prowess was extremely frightening too. Combined with the Laws of Space he had grasped, finding someone like that in the Darkstar World was truly as difficult as finding a needle in a haystack.

Not to mention that there were the Two World Mountains that they could not set foot in so easily within the Darkstar World. If he fled into the Two World Mountains, how were they supposed to find him?

Their chances were no longer just slim. Instead, it was completely hopeless.

But at this moment, all of the hall masters and vice hall masters present, as well as the Darkstar Emperor, sensed something. Afterwards, everyone could not help but take out a tablet from their Space Rings.

Right now, all of the tablets produced a blinding light, flashing urgently.

When they saw the tablets, all of their faces changed immediately.

“Oh no, it’s the medicinal garden. The formations of the medicinal garden have sent warnings. The medicinal garden is under attack...”

“It’s the outsider. It must be him...”

“He’s at the medicinal garden. Damn it, how does he know the existence of the medicinal garden? Argh... It’s over, it’s all over. He already knows the many secrets of our race...”

“That bastard. That person is an utter bastard. He purposely destroyed the teleportation formations, and his final target was actually the medicinal garden. He’s delaying our arrival to the medicinal garden with all that.”

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Above the eighth divine hall, the expressions of all the Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race changed drastically. They became extremely frantic.

The medicinal garden was one of the greatest sources of wealth of their race. If something happened, the losses would be tremendous.

That was because the many God Tier heavenly resources planted in there had been nurtured over countless years by exhausting tremendous amounts of divine crystals. They were all important cultivation resources effective on Primordial realm experts. They could not afford to lose them at all.

The Darkstar Emperor had vanished already. His figure turned into a blur, and he rushed off towards the medicinal garden at top speed, moving even faster than lightning.

Afterwards, the hall masters and vice hall masters all followed along closely. They used their full strength and flew towards the medicinal garden as quickly as they could.

The capital city was extremely distant from the medicinal garden. Even Primordial realm experts would take quite a lot of time to travel such a distance. In the past, they had teleportation formations that could directly send them there, but the teleportation formations had been destroyed now, so all they could do was fly over there manually.

That was because only the ten divine halls and the Darkstar Divine Hall possessed teleportation formations leading to the medicinal garden.

Elsewhere, in an unknown, extremely-remote region among the Darkstar race, great pulses of energy swept through the surroundings. Jian Chen currently hovered above the medicinal garden as his hand shone brightly, assaulting the medicinal garden with full strength.

Every single attack from him was vicious, making the protective formations of the medicinal garden tremble violently. Every single attack would exhaust tremendous amounts of energy in the formations.

The Darkstar Emperor had personally cast down the formations that protected the central region. They were so powerful that they could block the attacks of Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Primes.

However, the energy that supported the operation of the formations was not endless. As a matter of fact, there had not even been a lot of energy prepared for them. As a result, after a few attacks, although Jian Chen failed to personally destroy the formation, he did forcefully exhaust all the energy of the formations. As such, the formations collapsed on themselves.

Immediately, the central region of the medicinal garden became exposed. Without the restriction of the formations, the surging energy condensed in there immediately spread out, scattering in all directions.

The Fruit of Nurturing Ways located at the very centre shimmered in the mist-like pure energy.

### **Chapter 2858: Temporal Acceleration**

Gazing at the evolving Fruit of Nurturing Ways, Jian Chen's emotions stirred excitedly. He seemed to be able to see his breakthrough with the Way of the Sword.

"The formations in the medicinal garden are not only for protective purposes. They also have a surveillance function. From the moment I attacked the formation, the upper echelon of the Darkstar race has known my position. They're rushing over as quickly as they can."

"There's not a lot of time left for me. As a matter of fact, it's extremely tight. I can't waste even a moment. I hope the Fruit of Nurturing Ways can evolve a little faster," Jian Chen thought. He waved his hand, and three white pieces of jade flew out of his Space Ring, hovering around the Fruit of Nurturing Ways.

These pieces of jade were the ones containing the Laws of Time Jian Chen had obtained from the Heavenly Lightning clan. As the Laws of Time in the pieces of jade came into effect, the small region of space immediately blurred. The flow of time increased abruptly.

The Fruit of Nurturing Ways that originally evolved slowly now evolved much faster due to the influence from the acceleration of time.

With that, the energy in the medicinal garden immediately decreased rapidly, forming a great vortex of energy that the Fruit of Nurturing Ways absorbed.

The fraction of pure energy that had scattered into the surroundings due to losing the restraint of the formations immediately swept back, turning into a storm of energy as it plunged into the Fruit of Nurturing Ways.

Currently, the rate at which the Fruit of Nurturing Ways absorbed energy could be described as incomparably terrifying.

That was because the flow of time in the region of space the Fruit of Nurturing Ways occupied had already sped up. Naturally, the rate at which the fruit absorbed energy also multiplied by a similar amount.

The divine crystals stored in the medicinal garden depleted at an unprecedented rate. The several hundred million supreme grade divine crystals that Jian Chen recently replenished were already close to running out after such a short time.

Jian Chen had anticipated all of this. Even though he had already used up a portion of the several hundred billion supreme grade divine crystals the Hundred Saint City had offered up to him, he still had plenty remaining.

Jian Chen moved through each region of the medicinal garden. Whenever he waved his hand, he would toss out several hundred million divine crystals as replenishment, but this time, he did not only replenish the divine crystals for the regions that belonged to the fifth, sixth, and seventh divine halls he was responsible for. He also filled the regions belonging to the seven other divine halls to the brim.

The Fruit of Nurturing Ways required far too much energy when evolving. If the central region was unable to provide enough energy, then it could drain energy from the surrounding ten regions of the medicinal garden.

As a result, in order to ensure the Fruit of Nurturing Ways had sufficient energy to evolve, all Jian Chen could do was handle the supply of energy for the entire medicinal garden alone.

“Three temporal crystals are far too slow. With the Darkstar Emperor’s strength, it won’t take him too long even if he flies over here from the capital city. According to the current rate at which the fruit evolves, it’ll probably be very difficult for it to complete its evolution before the Darkstar Emperor arrives. Will using a few more temporal crystals increase the flow of time?” Jian Chen sank into his thoughts as he stared at the temporal crystals around the Fruit of Nurturing Ways. Afterwards, he did exactly what he was thinking, immediately tossing out another three temporal crystals.

The six temporal crystals unleashed their Laws of Time together while Jian Chen observed from the outskirts. Even though he was unable to accurately determine how many times faster time had become, there was a visible increase.

“The time has sped up by around fifty percent, and when six temporal crystals are used, the rate at which their Laws of Time are depleted has lessened too.” Jian Chen’s eyes lit up slightly, immediately tossing in another three temporal crystals. As such, a total of nine temporal crystals now surrounded the Fruit of Nurturing Ways.

The nine temporal crystals gave off the power of the Laws of Time together and distorted space. As a result, the flow of time in the region of space where the Fruit of Nurturing Ways resided proceeded at a shocking rate as if a millennium passed with each moment.

“Nine temporal crystals are only twenty percent faster than six. The temporal acceleration seems to have reached a limit too. Even if I add more temporal crystals, the flow of time won’t increase. It’ll only last longer.” Jian Chen frowned slightly and felt a hint of urgency. If the Fruit of Nurturing Ways could not complete its evolution before the Darkstar Emperor had arrived, many more variables would definitely come into play.

He had the Laws of Space and the Chaotic Body. Even if he could not defeat the Darkstar Emperor, he could simply leave. However, the issue was if the Darkstar Emperor embraced a scorched earth policy, where he would refuse to let anyone obtain what he could not, going as far as destroying the Fruit of Nurturing Ways.

If an expert with the battle prowess of a Chaotic Prime was determined to destroy the Fruit of Nurturing Ways, Jian Chen truly was unable to stop them with his current level of strength.

Afterwards, Jian Chen constantly moved between the various regions of the medicinal garden, replenishing divine crystals for the entire place and maintaining the supply of energy. The tremendous amount of divine crystals he had received from the Hundred Saint City depleted rapidly.

He had already used up eighteen temporal crystals from the Heavenly Lightning clan, with only twelve remaining.

Almost an hour later, what Jian Chen had worried about finally ended up happening. The Darkstar Emperor had arrived in the region of the medicinal garden before the Fruit of Nurturing Ways had ripened. Even from very far away, the Darkstar Emperor’s presence, filled with raging anger and killing intent, reached over from the distant horizon.

By now, all the God Tier heavenly resources the Darkstar race had planted in the medicinal garden apart from the evolving Fruit of Nurturing Ways had ended up in Jian Chen’s Space Ring. All that was left were a few heavenly resources that were not worth much and had yet to fully ripen. Jian Chen could not be bothered with picking them, allowing them to continue growing in the medicinal garden.

“He has still made it here in the end. The Fruit of Nurturing Ways’ evolution is getting faster and faster. I have to stop the Darkstar Emperor,” sensing the Darkstar Emperor’s presence, Jian Chen let out a sigh inside. With a wave of his hand, several tens of million divine crystals landed in the medicinal garden, turning the surroundings of the fruit into a small mountain.



Afterwards, he took out the remaining twelve temporal crystals from his Space Ring. He suddenly vanished, having left this place with the Laws of Space already.

Tens of million kilometers away from the medicinal garden, the Darkstar Emperor's face was pale with anger as his presence surged violently, rapidly approaching the medicinal garden with lightning speed. The ten hall masters and vice hall masters had fallen severely behind due to being unable to keep up with the Darkstar Emperor's speed.

But at this moment, a colossal strand of sword Qi appeared above the Darkstar Emperor's head extremely suddenly. As if it had merged with space, it completely ignored all spatial distances and stabbed right at the Darkstar Emperor.

The Darkstar Emperor let out a furious bellow and gushing energy erupted in his body, forming a thick barrier instantly. When the sword Qi struck the protective barrier, it immediately slowed down.

The Darkstar Emperor directly ignored the strand of sword Qi. He clenched his right hand into a fist and threw a punch upwards.

Bang!

The Darkstar Emperor's punch penetrated even space itself. The entire region of space pulsed violently. As black cracks spread rapidly, Jian Chen, who had been hiding in space, was forced out.

As soon as he saw Jian Chen, the Darkstar Emperor's eyes shone with raging killing intent. He said nothing at all, throwing another punch at Jian Chen. At the same time, the seal flew out from his body, swelling to the size of a mountain in the air. The vast energy and pressure formed a restraining force, interfering with the space there.

### **Chapter 2859: Buying Time**

The Darkstar Emperor did not hold back at all, using his full strength right off the bat. His battle prowess on par with Chaotic Primes erupted in the surroundings. Every single move and strike from him could be described as devastating.

In a direct confrontation with the Darkstar Emperor, Jian Chen completely lost the upper hand. He was not the Darkstar Emperor's opponent at all. A single punch from the Darkstar Emperor smashed apart the sword Qi he had condensed. Afterwards, their punches collided in the air, like the collision between two planets, producing a deafening rumble. Even large swathes of space collapsed.

Jian Chen's right sleeve was immediately reduced to tatters. His entire right arm spasmed in an extremely abnormal way before rapidly turning red. Blood that possessed the presence of Chaotic Force oozed out of his pores.

The Darkstar Emperor's punch was far too powerful. An attack at the First Heavenly Layer of Chaotic Prime was still not something Jian Chen could handle right now. The forceful clash had shaken all of Jian Chen's flesh in his right arm to pieces. His blood vessels were severed, and even the bones in his hand became cracked. The great force threw him away.

The Darkstar Emperor remained as still as a mountain. He was imposing and unstoppable. He immediately pursued after Jian Chen, throwing a punch at the empty air. The destructive attack directly approached Jian Chen.

This time, Jian Chen did not choose to receive it forcefully. He vanished extremely suddenly, directly ignoring the restraint the seal had placed over the space.

At the same time, the Chaotic Force in his body channeled madly into his right arm, completely unleashing the extraordinary recovery rate of the Chaotic Body. His heavily-damaged right arm immediately began to recover at an unbelievable speed.

Afterwards, the space around him pulsed gently, and he used the Laws of Space again, changing position like he had teleported.

Basically in the moment Jian Chen vanished, the space he lingered in suddenly collapsed. All of the space within thirty meters shattered instantly. The Darkstar Emperor's figure gradually appeared in the shattered space, his face pale from anger.

Afterwards, the Darkstar Emperor unleashed a storm-like barrage of attacks. He punched out again and again, piercing the sky with great force and making the entire region shake.

As for Jian Chen, he used the Laws of Space and constantly changed position elusively, maneuvering around the Darkstar Emperor.

He understood extremely well how great of a difference existed between him and the Darkstar Emperor. The Profound Sword Qi was useless against the Darkstar Emperor, while the Shadowless Lifetaking Strike could only cause some mild injuries. In short, none of the techniques and methods he possessed right now posed any threat to the Darkstar Emperor.

As he maneuvered about, Jian Chen pushed the Laws of Space to the limit. Against the Darkstar Emperor, the Laws of Space instead became when he relied on the most.

"Fortunately, my Laws of Space came from the Spatial Insect Emperor, so they're highly compatible with space. Otherwise, if I had been some other Primordial realm expert who comprehended the Laws of Space, there'll probably be nothing that I can do in this region filled with storms of energy. My usage of space would definitely be severely obstructed," Jian Chen thought. His primary objective was not to defeat the Darkstar Emperor, but to keep him busy for a while

But even with that being the case, he faced danger several times when the Darkstar Emperor intercepted him and forced them to clash. Every single clash would cause Jian Chen rather heavy wounds.

As for the Darkstar Emperor, he became more and more furious, gradually losing patience against Jian Chen who was as slippery as a fish, using the Laws of Space to run around and avoid capture no matter what he did.

Suddenly, the Darkstar Emperor stopped chasing Jian Chen around everywhere. Instead, he stood where he was and formed seals with both hands, using a powerful secret technique.

Immediately, the tremendous aura of the world appeared. The energy of the entire Darkstar World gathered over wildly. Jian Chen even felt that the might of the heavens had already locked onto his presence, something he could not avoid.

“A God Tier Battle Skill!” Jian Chen’s face lit up, and his eyes immediately flashed. A God Tier Battle Skill an expert on par with a Chaotic Prime cast would have unimaginably great power. The Darkstar Emperor had only done this because he was helpless against Jian Chen’s Laws of Space. As a result, he was forced to use a God Tier Battle Skill despite the absolute difference in strength. He wanted to lock onto Jian Chen with the pressure of the God Tier Battle Skill so that he could not escape.

If he were in the capital city, the Darkstar Emperor never would have dared to use a God Tier Battle Skill, as the power was far too great. Once he used it, the entire capital city would be flattened to the ground. Now that he resided in the wilderness, this obviously was not something he had to consider.

“Do you think you can do whatever you want in front of me just with the Laws of Space?” The Darkstar Emperor ground his teeth. At that moment, the might of the heavens surged, and energy flooded out. The Darkstar World’s entire sky began to twist violently as the God Tier Battle Skill charged up.

Finally, the Darkstar Emperor unleashed the God Tier Battle Skill. It condensed into a huge, dark star in the sky, radiating with a colossal pressure. It directly smashed towards Jian Chen as if it contained the power of ways.

The dark star had already locked onto Jian Chen’s presence. He was unable to avoid its pursuit even with the Laws of Space. It was truly undodgeable and unavoidable. Only a single path lay ahead of him, which was to receive it forcefully.

However, if he were to take on a God Tier Battle Skill from a Chaotic Prime with his current level of strength, even the Chaotic Body could not withstand it. Even if he managed to escape with his life intact, it would still cost him.

However, Jian Chen did not panic at all. His eyes became extremely bright as he stared straight at the dark star that hurtled over with a devastating pressure. His lips curled into a mysterious smile.

“God Tier Battle Skills are useless against me,” Jian Chen murmured softly. The will of the Ultimate Way of the Sword rushed into the air, instantly sensing the connection between the God Tier Battle Skill and the ways of the world.

“The connection established between the Darkstar Emperor’s God Tier Battle Skill and the ways of the world is clearly much stronger than Kun Tian’s. This should be due to his strength. However, that’s still not a problem for me.” Jian Chen’s ultimate will immediately turned into a sharp edge, severing the connection between the God Tier Battle Skill and the ways of the world without the slightest hesitation.

Immediately, the dark star the Darkstar Emperor conjured deflated like a balloon. All of its pressure vanished instantly, turning into a cluster of pure energy in the end, reduced to the most ordinary attack.

Even though the cluster of energy was still formidable, it had lost the various presence of ways that belonged to a God Tier Battle Skill, nowhere near enough to threaten Jian Chen anymore.

Most importantly, Jian Chen had broken free from the God Tier Battle Skill locking onto him.

With a flash, Jian Chen had already changed his position with the Laws of Space. The dark star that had lost its power as a God Tier Battle Skill struck the ground heavily. The energy at the level of Chaotic Primes erupted, shaking up the surroundings.

“What exactly did you do to my God Tier Battle Skill? Why has the power of my God Tier Battle Skill plummeted, no longer possessing the might of the heavens?” The Darkstar Emperor’s eyes widened as he stared at Jian Chen in disbelief.

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The Darkstar Emperor was indeed shocked. The God Tier Battle Skill he used was a technique of his race that had been passed down through the generations, and its power was otherworldly. This God Tier Battle Skill alone possessed the power to injure opponents at higher cultivation levels.

Originally, the Darkstar Emperor thought it was already overkill for him to use a God Tier Battle Skill against Jian Chen whose cultivation was not even near his. If it were not for the fact that he was helpless against Jian Chen’s Laws of Space, he truly did not want to use a God Tier Battle Skill.

However, never did he imagine that the God Tier Battle Skill he had decided on using after deep contemplation would go from startling powerful to losing all of the might of heaven it had been imbued with in a single moment. As such, the devastatingly-powerful God Tier Battle Skill had been reduced to a clump of the most ordinary energy. It was completely unbelievable.

The Darkstar Emperor understood very well there was nothing wrong with his God Tier Battle Skill. The person before him must have used an inconceivable ability to interrupt his God Tier Battle Skill.

It left him utterly shocked.

Regarding information and news of the Saints’ World, their Darkstar race had learnt quite a lot from the outsiders through their various avenues. The Darkstar race had even grasped some relatively secretive information.

Without any exaggeration, the Darkstar race had been trapped in the Darkstar World for countless years, but they understood the Saints’ World to a certain degree even if they did not understand all of it.

However, Jian Chen’s ability that could render God Tier Battle Skills useless was completely unheard of.

He understood far too well how terrifying something like this was. God Tier Battle Skills could be described as a colossal trump card to any cultivator. They were a last resort, able to save lives when used at critical times.

If he had grasped a method that could ignore God Tier Battle Skills, did that not mean all the experts he confronted from here on out had lost their greatest trump card?

It was far too horrendous of a thought to consider. The Darkstar Emperor finally understood what kind of power this outsider who had destroyed the great ceremony of the Darkstar race had in store.

“He has reached his current realm of cultivation in under a millennium...” Killing intent surged in the Darkstar Emperor’s eyes. Afterwards, he refused to give up. Energy channeled through his body and rapidly leaked out. He used a God Tier Battle Skill again.

“The way he interrupts God Tier Battle Skills definitely isn’t as simple and easy as it seems for him. Perhaps it takes a tremendous toll for him to interrupt it each time. I refuse to believe he can interrupt them forever.” The Darkstar Emperor bit the bullet. God Tier Battle Skills caused far too great of a toll, and the God Tier Battle Skills he used were already close to medium quality. Hence, although when the energy he had accumulated within him over countless years had become extremely dense, he could not cast them too many times.

Immediately, a tremendous pressure flooded the surroundings. The Darkstar Emperor’s God Tier Battle Skill immediately finished charging up, but this time, it did not conjure a dark star. Instead, it condensed a sword, shining with blinding light and giving off devastating might.

Jian Chen’s lips curled into a mocking sneer. He immediately condensed a sword with the will of the Ultimate Way of the Sword and slashed down at the obscure connection between the God Tier Battle Skill and the ways of the world.

It was as if a zither string had snapped. Without the connection with the ways of the world, the God Tier Battle Skill immediately lost all of its divine might, and its power plummeted.

“Hmph, I’d like to see how many more times you can destroy them.” The vicious light in the Darkstar Emperor’s eyes shone brightly. He was not discouraged at all. He used a God Tier Battle Skill for the third time.

With the third God Tier Battle Skill, a huge hand of energy appeared in the sky, blotting out the sun as if it could overwhelm the entire world with a flip.

With the fourth God Tier Battle Skill, a colossal eye appeared out of thin air. As the eye opened and closed, it gave off a might that could annihilate everything in existence.

With the fifth God Tier Battle Skill, the Darkstar Emperor summoned the blurry figure of the ancestor of the Darkstar race. Even though he was composed of energy, he was wrapped in the aura of ways, possessing the pressure of the great ways. As such, even the three thousand laws began to pulse at varying degrees.

The appearance of the Grand Exalt’s figure did send a chill down Jian Chen’s spine, but it was still a battle skill after all. It was only borrowing off the various auras that the ways of the world possessed. When Jian Chen severed the connection between the two, the startlingly-powerful God Tier Battle Skill immediately turned into a toothless tiger. It caused a shocking disturbance, but its actual strength had already plummeted.

The Darkstar Emperor used a total of five God Tier Battle Skills, where every single one of them was different. This also left Jian Chen astounded at the number of God Tier Battle Skills the Darkstar Emperor had grasped, and he believed this was not all the God Tier Battle Skills the Darkstar Emperor knew.

The will of his Ultimate Way of the Sword had stopped all five God Tier Battle Skills!

“Fortunately, my Ultimate Way of the Sword trumps God Tier Battle Skills, or I really wouldn’t be able to keep the Darkstar Emperor busy,” Jian Chen thought. Through these clashes, he had already understood he could neglect God Tier Battle Skills those below Chaotic Prime used.

He could also nullify God Tier Battle Skills First Heavenly Layer Chaotic Primes used.

But as the opponent became stronger, the connection between the God Tier Battle Skill and the ways of the world would definitely become even tougher. By then, whether he could nullify them as easily as now still had to be tested.

“It actually takes no toll on you at all to nullify my God Tier Battle Skills?” The Darkstar Emperor did not continue with his God Tier Battle Skills. The five consecutive uses had taken an extremely great toll on him. Of course, what mattered the most was he discovered that he seemed to be wrong. From Jian Chen’s expression, he could already tell that it did not seem as difficult as he imagined it to be for him to nullify the God Tier Battle Skills.

“The toll it has taken on me is almost negligible. Darkstar Emperor, would you like to try your other God Tier Battle Skills?” The Darkstar Emperor stopped attacking, so Jian Chen stopped too, maintaining his distance from the Darkstar Emperor as he confronted him from afar.

The Darkstar Emperor squinted slightly, producing a chilling light. He said emotionlessly, “If you wanted to leave, I really wouldn’t be able to stop you, but you happened to have chosen to stay, to fight a battle with me here that you have no chance of winning. You’re buying time.”

The Darkstar Emperor guessing his objective did not surprise Jian Chen. He said ambiguously, “Darkstar Emperor, aren’t you interested in why I’m opposing your Darkstar race?”

“I will naturally get to the bottom of this, but I can’t let your scheme succeed. You’re keeping me busy probably because you’ve already accelerated the growth of the Fruit of Nurturing Ways with the thirty pieces of jade with the Laws of Time. Kun Tian, oh Kun Tian, you really have hidden your intentions well. When I first heard that you obtained the thirty pieces of jade, I actually believed you, thinking you had collected them with intentions of researching them. Never did I expect your final objective would be connected to the Fruit of Nurturing Ways our race had tended to for countless years.”

“Hmph, since our race cannot use the Fruit of Nurturing Ways, then I won’t let anyone else take advantage of it even if I have to destroy it.” With that, the Darkstar Emperor turned into a streak of light, rushing towards the medicinal garden with great speed, completely ignoring Jian Chen.

Jian Chen’s expression changed suddenly. The worst-case scenario he had been worrying about still ended up happening.