

Chaotic 3201

Chapter 3201: A Strand of Hair

Just like that, Jian Chen split his focus, refining the pills with one hand while pressing against the cauldron gently with the other, suppressing the violent energy within the Godking grass through Chaotic Force.

For a moment, he actually managed to continue with the refinement process miraculously.

The fluid within the cauldron was about to condense into pills.

But at this moment, Jian Chen furrowed his brows. In the next moment, there was a rumble, and a great pulse of energy erupted from the cauldron, producing cracks in the nearby mountain and making huge boulders tumble down.

“Trying to do the work of two or even three people alone really is a little difficult. I am capable of suppressing the violent energy within Godking grass, but that’ll scatter a part of my powers too. Trying to carry out the final transformation of the pills is clearly insufficient.”

“Refining Godking pills alone is a hundred times more difficult than when senior Xu Ran was around to help out.” Jian Chen immediately understood the reason and thought to himself, *“Whether it’s refining the pills or suppressing the violent energy within Godking grass, I can manage either one of them with ease if I do it separately, but when I do them together, my ability falls short of what is required.”*

“This is also why other organisations of the Saints’ World have two Chaotic Primes assisting when refining Godking pills.”

“In the Tian Yuan clan, senior Xu Ran is powerful, which is why she can manage it as just one person. However, there’s no one to help me in the Darkstar World. I can only depend on myself.”

Jian Chen sighed gently and brushed off the soil and dust on him. He did not continue refining pills. Through his experience last time, he had already understood that it was completely impossible for him to refine Godking pills alone right now.

However, he did not become defeated at all. He stowed the cauldron away like normal before taking out a tea set from his Space Ring as well as a few leaves of Comprehension Tea, beginning to make tea.

“There is a way to deal with this. As long as my comprehension of the Way of Alchemy increases, I’ll be able to refine Godking pills successfully. I’m in no rush for time right now either. It’s perfectly possible for me to stay here for decades, centuries, or even longer. I can take it slowly...”

“For the sake of the ten droplets of a Grand Exalt’s essence blood, these sacrifices will be worth it...”

Afterwards, Jian Chen began to comprehend the Way of Alchemy through the assistance of Comprehension Tea.

Aside from Comprehension Tea, he also possessed the imprint of the Way of Alchemy from ancestor Lan.

As a result, as Jian Chen comprehended the Way of Alchemy, not only did he have Comprehension Tea, but he also had assistance from the imprint of the Way of Alchemy.

Ancestor Lan had only left this imprint on him casually, nowhere close to the limits of what she could actually achieve, but with her masterly comprehension of alchemy, even a tiny part of it provided endless benefit to Jian Chen's comprehension that had only recently reached Infinite Prime.

Afterwards, Jian Chen's Way of Alchemy grew at a rapid rate under the assistance of the Comprehension Tea and the imprint of the Way of Alchemy from ancestor Lan.

Even though it was nowhere near as fast as when he used the Heaven-splitting Divine Force, it was still much faster than other cultivators, so fast that they could only look up to such a rate.

In just fifteen years, Jian Chen welcomed his first breakthrough with the Way of Alchemy since leaving the Xuanhuang Microcosm.

He went from the Third Heavenly Layer to the Fourth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime!

This speed could only be described as shocking!

That was because the difficulty behind each breakthrough became greater the further on it was. Even some of the prodigies of the Saints' World would take thousands, tens of thousand, or even hundred of thousand of years to consolidate with each step after reaching the Primordial realm.

As for those that were slightly less talented, every single step after Infinite Prime would be calculated in millions of years.

However, Jian Chen had only used fifteen years, which was truly unheard of.

However, right when Jian Chen broke through with the Way of Alchemy, a pitch-black dagger silently appeared, stabbing towards his forehead mercilessly as a black blur.

From beginning to end, Jian Chen, who was in the middle of his breakthrough, did not make any response. He simply sat there without budging as if he had not noticed it at all. He was completely defenceless.

However, the sharp dagger failed to pierce Jian Chen's forehead. It had even failed to scratch his skin.

The person behind the dagger was the tenth hall master dressed in black, Feng Xue!

Gripping the dagger, the hint of delight in Feng Xue's eyes from getting her revenge suddenly froze. It was soon replaced by great shock and disbelief.

That was because when her dagger touched Jian Chen's forehead, she felt like she had hit an indestructible plate of steel. No matter how much force she used, the dagger was unable to move an inch forwards.

Wielding a god artifact dagger and launching a full-powered strike, she could not even pierce the outermost layer of Jian Chen's skin.

"No, impossible. This is impossible. He's clearly defenceless right now. His physical defences cannot be any lower, so how can he withstand a strike that I've been charging up for all this time?" Feng Xue struggled to accept this outcome.

By now, Jian Chen had completed his breakthrough. He opened his eyes slowly and gazed at Feng Xue's face that was only inches away from his and sighed helplessly. "I've told you already, you can't kill me. Why won't you just give up?"

"Even if I don't defend or resist, even if I just stand there and let you attack me, you can't even harm a hair on me with your power." Jian Chen seemed to be utterly annoyed by Feng Xue's constant attempts on his life. He casually plucked a strand of hair from his head and passed it to Feng Xue. "Since you want to kill me so much, I'll tell you just what kind of strength you need to be able to kill me."

"This is a strand of my hair. When you possess the power to sever this strand of hair, it means you have the ability to harm me."

"If you can't even break a strand of my hair, what gives you the right to come and kill me?"

"You are very powerful, but you've completely overestimated yourself. With my strength as a Fifth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, I refuse to believe I can't even break a strand of your hair." Feng Xue seemed to be greatly insulted as she spoke furiously, grabbing the strand of hair instinctively.

However, as soon as she made contact with the hair, she felt a sharp pain from her palm. A deep wound had already appeared on her hand.

Jian Chen's strand of hair seemed to be condensed from sword Qi. It contained unparalleled might and power. Just a single strand of hair could easily cut through a mountain.

Chapter 3202: A Century in the Blink of An Eye

Feng Xue was caught completely off-guard. Her hand was cut open by the strand of hair imbued with sword Qi.

The sight immediately left her shocked. She knew that if she had not pulled her hand back in time, the entire thing probably would have been split into two.

She could not help but become a little more cautious. She began to shield her hand with energy as she grabbed the hair while slashing out with her dagger as hard as possible.

Ding!

However, when the god artifact dagger came into contact with the hair, there was actually the sound of colliding metal. Jian Chen's hair was in perfect condition, while Feng Xue's low quality god artifact dagger had gained a faint mark.

"H- how is this possible!?" Feng Xue was stunned. She completely blanked out on the spot.

Jian Chen had not lied to her. With her strength as a Fifth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, she truly did not even possess the strength to touch a hair on him.

This had a tremendous impact on Feng Xue.

“You’ve seen it now. You can’t even cut through a strand of my hair, so what gives you the confidence to kill me?” Jian Chen ignored Feng Xue. Instead, he picked up some spiritual fluid and Comprehension Tea to continue with brewing tea. He said coldly, “You should go. Before you have the ability to cut through this strand of hair, don’t come and annoy me.”

Gazing at the strand of hair, Feng Xue was a little spaced out.

A mere strand of hair possessed such power. Even with her cultivation at the Fifth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime, her full strength was not enough to sever a mere strand of hair.

That had completely overturned her knowledge, surpassing the range of her understanding.

The strand of hair also made her realise the untraversable gulf that existed between her and Jian Chen.

With such a great disparity in strength, how was she supposed to get revenge?

For a moment, Feng Xue became completely dispirited. As one of the ten hall masters of the Darkstar race, she actually felt so useless for the first time in her life.

Feng Xue left in dejection, while Jian Chen behaved like nothing had happened at all. He simply focused on brewing tea and increasing his comprehension of the Way of Alchemy.

As Jian Chen submerged himself in the comprehension of the Way of Alchemy, several young men flew out of the tunnel between the two worlds inside a barrier that prevented any Life-devouring Beasts from approaching the place.

They were all Overgods, and they were dressed in the same uniform. As such, it was quite obvious that they all belonged to the same major organisation.

As soon as the Overgod young men landed on the ground, they immediately began to cast a secret technique. An invisible ripple spread out from them.

The secret techniques they had used were clearly some kind of unknown method of communication.

After communicating, the young men simply stood where they were, seeming like they were patiently waiting for something.

An hour later, a person finally passed through the barrier, returning to this area enclosed from the depths of the Two World Mountains where Life-devouring Beasts roamed. He moved extremely quickly, arriving before the young men in a few flashes.

“Greetings, young master!” The young men all knelt down, demonstrating respect and enthusiasm.

The person they bowed towards was the young master of the Dire Wolf clan, Jin Hong!

But at this moment, Jin Hong’s presence had already reached Infinite Prime.

“Please get up.” Jin Hong said indifferently. Even though his status was extraordinary and his cultivation had reached the Primordial realm, he did not show any arrogance at all.

The young men on the ground all stood up. Afterwards, one of them took out a Space Ring and passed it to Jin Hong politely. “Young master, these are the resources that the ancestor has told us to give to you.

The ancestor has told us to relay that these resources aren't of particularly high quality, where none of them have reached God Tier, but every single one of them are the best among the supreme grade. Even though they're nowhere near as helpful as God Tier heavenly resources to you, it's still better than nothing, and it can accelerate your cultivation, young master."

"The ancestor has also specially instructed that you are not to set foot in the territory of the Darkstar race until you break through to the Fourth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime."

Jin Hong accepted the Space Ring filled with a tremendous amount of resources. "I understand. Please go back and inform the ancestor that I will remain here. I won't set foot in the territory of the Darkstar race until I'm confident about slipping through the hands of the Darkstar Emperor."

Time shot past like an arrow. In the blink of an eye, it had already been a hundred years since Jian Chen reached the Fourth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime with the Way of Alchemy.

On this day, a pulse of ways suddenly appeared from the mountain where Jian Chen cultivated in peace. The laws descended, wrapping around him.

Through the imprint of the Way of Alchemy and the Comprehension Tea, Jian Chen's Way of Alchemy had successfully reached the Fifth Heavenly Layer after a century.

After consolidating at the Fifth Heavenly Layer, Jian Chen did not continue to cultivate. He opened his eyes slowly and sighed. *"Going from the Third Heavenly Layer to the Fourth Heavenly Layer took fifteen years, while from the Fourth Heavenly Layer to the Fifth Heavenly Layer took a total of a century. At this rate, breaking through to the Sixth Heavenly Layer will take three hundred years at the very least."*

"Three hundred years... but I don't have enough Comprehension Tea on me to last that long. The power behind the imprint of the Way of Alchemy from ancestor Lan is about to run out too. It can last a few decades at most."

"Without the assistance from Comprehension Tea and the imprint of the Way of Alchemy, every single breakthrough will take at least ten times longer. Under these circumstances, reaching the Sixth Heavenly Layer with the Laws of Alchemy in three hundred years is basically just a dream."

"Looks like I can only stop at the Fifth Heavenly Layer. Unless I spend over a thousand years comprehending the Laws of Alchemy, it'll be very difficult to reach the Sixth Heavenly Layer when I don't have any Comprehension Tea or imprint of the Way of Alchemy."

"Though, the Laws of Alchemy at the Fifth Heavenly Layer are much more powerful than when they were at the Third Heavenly Layer. My control over alchemy has reached a whole new level and mastery, so I should be able to try and refine Godking pills now." Jian Chen stowed the tea set away before taking out the cauldron, beginning to refine high grade Godking pills.

As soon as he began refining the pills, Jian Chen could visibly sense that the entire process had become much easier and smoother, far better than before.

The steps at the beginning unfolded extremely smoothly. Before he knew it, he reached the most crucial moment of refining Godking pills. The violent energy within Godking grass suddenly erupted.

Immediately, Chaotic Force was channelled into the cauldron, wrapping around the violent energy layer by layer and forcing it into the pills that were about to take shape.

This process lasted for a total of three days.

Boom! Three days later, there was a rumble, and the cauldron of pills exploded without any prior signs.

Jian Chen furrowed his brows. The refinement process this time had been extremely successful from beginning to end. Even the violent energy within the Godking grass had been suppressed perfectly. Not a single accident or mistake had been made during the entire process, yet it still ended in failure.

With the failures from before, at least he knew why it occurred and where the problem lay.

But this time, the failure had truly happened without any signs at all, even leaving him puzzled.

He sank into his thoughts and began to investigate this matter. Very soon, he seemed to understand why. He stared at the world and clicked his tongue. "Is it the restraint from the will of the Grand Exalts? The laws set down by the Grand Exalt restrain the people of the Darkstar race, not only making it several times more difficult for them to break through, but also preventing the creation of God Tier pills."

"In the Saints' World, this cauldron of pills definitely would have succeeded, but in the Darkstar World, it ended in failure due to the will of the Grand Exalts."

"However, the will of the Grand Exalts isn't without a solution." Jian Chen made up his mind and immediately took out the Xuanhuang spiritual fluid from his Space Ring, continuing to refine pills.

Jian Chen added Xuanhuang spiritual fluid to this cauldron of pills, such that every single Godking pill was contaminated with hints of Xuanhuang Qi.

It was not a lot, but due to the presence of Xuanhuang Qi, every single pill became unique. From a certain perspective, they were immune to certain limitations.

Chapter 3203: Success

This time, perhaps due to the addition of Xuanhuang spiritual fluid, no accidents happened throughout the entire process at all. Finally, after three days, a fragrance that Jian Chen found to be extremely familiar wafted out from the cauldron before him.

As soon as the fragrance emerged, Jian Chen immediately jolted. He had already spent many years refining Godking pills, and he had refined over ten thousand of them, so he immediately understood the pills had taken shape with this behaviour. It was a sign that they had already entered the nurturing process.

Having reached this stage, it meant the cauldron of pills had completely taken shape!

"I've finally succeeded!" Jian Chen exhaled deeply. When the pills finished nurturing, he slammed the cauldron gently, and the Godking pills that had just been refined immediately shot out, landing in his hand.

There were a total of nine pills in this cauldron.

Gazing at the nine high grade Godking pills, Jian Chen finally smiled victoriously. He completely eased up at that moment.

The success of this cauldron of pills meant that he was already capable of refining high grade Godking pills alone.

This was extremely significant to him!

“Without senior Xu’s assistance, refining pills alone is much more strenuous, and it takes longer too. However, as long as I can refine them successfully, everything will be worth it. As for time, that’s the last thing I lack right now.”

“There’s hope in the Darkstar race opening the altar now. The ten droplets of a Grand Exalt’s essence blood are basically within arm’s reach.”

Jian Chen felt extremely elated and extremely fortunate inside. Fortunately, he was in possession of the Xuanhuang spiritual fluid, or even if he was capable of refining high grade Godking pills, he would still be incapable of refining them in the Darkstar World that was limited by the will of Grand Exalts.

Afterwards, Jian Chen devoted his heart and soul to refining Godking pills. With an example of success from the first time, he understood all the tricks and details that he needed to pay attention to when refining Godking pills alone, so he made surprisingly smooth progress. Every single cauldron ended in success. There were no failures.

Jian Chen refined away every day and night. Very soon, two decades had passed.

After those twenty years, Jian Chen stowed away the cauldron full of high grade Godking pills that he had just refined. A hint of exhaustion appeared on his face.

“During these twenty years, I’ve been refining pills non-stop, but I’ve only managed to refine less than two thousand high grade Godking pills in total. My efficiency when it comes to alchemy really is much lower without senior Xu’s assistance.” Jian Chen exhaled as he checked the pills he had stored in his Space Ring. It seemed as if he was trying to release all of the fatigue and repressed feelings he had gathered over the years.

“Not only does it take several times the effort to achieve less than half the results when I refine Godking pills alone, but it takes an extremely great strain on my mind too. I need to recover a little.” Jian Chen had clearly become much more exhausted than before. He did not continue with refining pills, instead taking out a tea set from his Space Ring and beginning to make Comprehension Tea.

Not only could Comprehension Tea assist people in comprehension, but it could also recover their minds too.

Apart from Comprehension Tea, Jian Chen also took out some God Tier fruits from his Space Ring. They were all contaminated with Xuanhuang Qi, and they were also heavenly resources that were greatly beneficial to recovering mentally.

“The current fifth hall master seems to be Dou Wujin. The three of them had shown me utmost loyalty back then. They’ve helped me out quite a lot.” Gazing at the Comprehension Tea and the fruits contaminated with Xuanhuang Qi on the table, Jian Chen hesitated before reaching out towards thin air.

With that, the energy in the surroundings condensed rapidly, turning into three extremely special invitations in his hand. Afterwards, by extending his finger, the invitations were delivered by a power of space.

At the same time, in the fifth divine hall that hovered above the capital city of the Darkstar race, the fifth hall master Dou Wujin gathered with Bing Yuan and Tarot to discuss important affairs.

But at this moment, the space before the three of them pulsed, and the three invitations completely condensed from energy appeared.

Gazing at the three invitations, the three of them immediately understood what was going on. Their faces became extremely mixed.

“It’s him. He’s inviting us over. W-what do we do? Do we go or not?” Bing Yuan said. He was hesitant as he looked towards Tarot and Dou Wujin, clearly unsure about what to do.

Tarot said absolutely nothing. Only his eyes flickered with mixed feelings.

Dou Wujin, who sat in the hall master’s throne, said nothing either. His expression changed as his emotions fluctuated slightly.

None of the three said anything as the invitations simply hovered before them silently. For a moment, the atmosphere in the imposing hall became rather eerie.

Quite a while later, Dou Wujin let out a sigh filled with emotion. “Since he’s inviting us over, then we’ll go. You’re all aware of what the emperor is thinking. Right now, he is no longer an enemy of our race, but the hope for our race to break free.”

Dou Wujin, Tarot, and Bing Yuan set off together, reaching the mountain where Jian Chen stayed very soon.

Jian Chen took out a square table and invited the three of them to sit down. He had already brewed the Comprehension Tea. He personally poured a cup for the three of them and said, “I haven’t called you over this time for much. My primary objective is to help you out.”

“This is Comprehension Tea, God Tier in quality and from an extremely special place. Even in the Saints’ World, it’s a priceless item. Originally, I was just using a few leaves of third grade God Tier Comprehension Tea to recover mentally, but since you’re here, I’ve switched it out for seventh grade God Tier Comprehension Tea. Even I don’t have a lot of Comprehension Tea at that level left on me.”

“C’mon, drink it while it’s hot. A cup of Comprehension Tea should be enough for all of you to break through a minor realm of cultivation.”

Dou Wujin, Tarot, and Bing Yuan all drank the Comprehension Tea with doubts, but as soon as the tea reached their mouths, they felt a tremendous presence of ways fill their bodies. They could not help but cross their legs and enter a state of cultivation.

A faint smile appeared on Jian Chen’s face when he saw this. He had noticed a long time ago that the three of them had stagnated at their current cultivation for an extremely long time. If they had been cultivating in the Saints’ World, they would have reached the next realm or even several realms higher a long time ago.

However, in the Darkstar World, due to the suppression from the will of the Grand Exalt of the Wood Spirits, every single breakthrough they made was several times more difficult. Without any external help or opportunities, they would be stuck at their current realms for countless years.

Meanwhile, a cup of Comprehension Tea contaminated with Xuanhuang Qi was like a key to a seal to them. It could allow them to temporarily overcome the suppression from the will of the Grand Exalt.

Chapter 3204: Time Flies Like an Arrow

As Dou Wujin, Tarot, and Bing Yuan began to cultivate, Jian Chen did not idle around. He also drank Comprehension Tea and ate God Tier fruits, recovering from the mental exhaustion he had accumulated from refining pills.

In just three days, the weakest of the three, Bing Yuan, broke through first. Immediately, he radiated with a powerful presence.

Jian Chen waved his hand casually, and the space around Bing Yuan immediately twisted. A power of space isolated him, so his breakthrough would not affect the other two.

Bing Yuan had advanced to the Second Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime now.

Five days later, Tarot completed his breakthrough too, going from the Second Heavenly Layer to the Third Heavenly Layer.

Dou Wujin was the last person to complete his breakthrough. His cultivation went from the Fourth Heavenly Layer to the Fifth Heavenly Layer.

A single cup of comprehension tea had allowed all three of them to take a small step forwards!

Even though it was only the breakthrough of a minor realm, the three of them were extremely excited, thanking Jian Chen with gratitude before looking at the empty teacups on the table with lingering sentiments. Their eyes became filled with undisguised fervency and desire.

“Stop looking, there’s already no more Comprehension Tea. Even if I give you a few more cups, it’s impossible for you to make a second breakthrough, as you’ve just reached a new realm. Your cultivation is nowhere near consolidated enough.” Jian Chen stowed the tea set away in an orderly manner and continued, “The seventh grade God Tier Comprehension Tea is extremely precious. I only managed to share some with you in consideration of our past. You can call it a small compensation.”

“These are the high grade Godking pills I’ve refined over the years. There’s a total of a thousand. You can take them and use them to nurture your own force of cultivators.” In the end, Jian Chen took out another one thousand high grade Godking pills and passed them to Dou Wujin.

He had been the fifth hall master for a period of time, so he understood the various conflicts between the ten divine halls of the Darkstar race extremely well. Whether it was the Darkstar Emperor or the fifth hall master, he would be giving these high grade Godking pills away regardless. They would all be used on the Darkstar race.

The biggest difference between the two was the Godking pills that went to the Darkstar Emperor would all be used to make the thirty-six major cities recover in strength. It was basically impossible for them to end up in the hands of the ten divine halls.

After all, over half of the thirty-six major cities had lost all of their experts. Their forces needed to be replenished as quickly as possible.

However, if he gave the pills to Dou Wujin, then Dou Wujin could use them to build up a force that belonged to the fifth divine hall.

The four of them did not talk much. Four hours later, the three of them returned. They all possessed an additional God Tier fruit that Jian Chen had gifted them.

These fruits were all mid grade God Tier heavenly resources, which were greatly beneficial to their cultivation!

Watching the three of them fly away, Jian Chen entered a daze. He murmured, "In the blink of an eye, it's already been a century since I arrived in the Darkstar World. The people of the Darkstar race that ingested the high grade Godking pills still haven't shown any adverse side effects. Looks like these high grade Godking pills really do not possess any flaws."

Jian Chen continued to devote himself to refining pills, year after year. He accumulated more and more high grade Godking pills in his Space Ring.

As Jian Chen submerged himself in alchemy, the tenth divine hall that hovered above the capital city regularly produced deafening booms. Whenever a rumble rang out, powerful energy would pulse and run amok within the divine hall.

At the same time, there would be the tenth hall master Feng Xue's furious roars and bellows, unwilling to accept this result.

Boom!

On this day, another thunderous rumble rang out from over the bustling capital city. The energy of a Primordial realm expert radiated outwards, forcefully trapped within the medium quality god artifact divine hall.

"Ah, why? Why can't I even break a hair from him? I don't believe this, I don't believe it!" The tenth hall master Feng Xue roared like she had gone mad, like she had been emotionally triggered by something.

Before her, a strand of hair drifted down to the ground softly, without any signs of damage.

Behind it were the three vice hall masters of the tenth divine hall. They all stood there powerlessly, unable to say anything. However, when they looked at the strand of hair, their eyes were also filled with shock and disbelief.

At a closer glance, it was quite easy to notice that the three vice hall masters also had bone-deep wounds on their hands.

They had all been injured by the strand of hair. The sword Qi within it was so powerful that even they could not heal from their wounds in a short amount of time.

As Feng Xue howled out furiously, several gazes were cast in the direction of the tenth divine hall from the other divine halls that also hovered above the capital city. They were filled with sighs and helplessness.

Time flew. In the blink of an eye, another century had passed.

During those hundred years, Jian Chen remained on the mountain, refining Godking pills. Whenever he became over-exhausted, he would stop, brew himself a pot of tea, and eat a few God Tier fruits with Xuanhuang Qi to recover.

Meanwhile, the tenth hall master Feng Xue seemed to understand that a tremendous difference truly existed between her and Jian Chen after learning that she could not even break a strand of his hair, so she did not appear a single time during these years.

During the century, the Darkstar Emperor had visited him a few times to check in on the progress with refining Godking pills. After all, this was a pill that could potentially produce a large number of Godkings for the race, so the Darkstar Emperor was extremely interested too.

“I’ve refined roughly ten thousand high grade Godking pills in the span of a century. If I were in the Tian Yuan clan, this amount would have taken two decades at most.” On the top of the mountain, Jian Chen, who had just completed a cauldron of pills, began to sort through the high grade Godking pills in his possession. There were a total of ten thousand high grade Godking pills stored neatly in his Space Ring.

With a thought, the Space Ring with the pills immediately vanished, crossing a great distance with his Laws of Space. He delivered it directly to the Darkstar Divine Hall.

“With the Darkstar race’s current strength, they need at least fifty thousand high grade Godking pills before they can open the altar. That’s ten thousand now, so there’s still another forty thousand missing.”

“At my current rate, I need to stay in the Darkstar World for another four centuries at the very least.” Jian Chen sighed. This was probably the first time he had remained in a single place for so long, as well as the first time he had spent so much time doing one repetitive task tirelessly.

However, for the sake of the ten droplets of a Grand Exalt’s essence blood, he had to do it!

Jian Chen continued with refining pills. Before he knew it, another century had passed, and he had refined over ten thousand high grade Godking pills.

But today, a figure silently appeared on the mountain where Jian Chen refined his pills.

The figure was the tenth hall master, Feng Xue.

Feng Xue stood ten metres away from the cauldron and stared at Jian Chen as he focused on refining the pills.

Before long, the cauldron of pills was completed, and Jian Chen stowed away the scorching-hot Godking pills. He turned towards Feng Xue and said helplessly, “Why have you come again? Don’t tell me you want to catch me off-guard again and then assassinate me?”

Jian Chen had considered directly suppressing Feng Xue and trapping her with the Laws of Space.

However, when he considered the care and protection that Feng Xue had shown him during the time he disguised himself as Kun Tian, how could he bring himself to do something like that?

Even though he knew Feng Xue was just trying to help Kun Tian, he could not help but admit that her help had saved him a lot of trouble back then and provided him with much convenience.

“Come with me!” Feng Xue stared at Jian Chen. As she said that, her eyes became filled with mixed emotions.

Chapter 3205: Revisiting a Place of the Past

Jian Chen frowned as if he suddenly did not really understand Feng Xue anymore. He gazed at Feng Xue in some confusion. “Where do you want me to go with you?”

“Why are you asking so many questions? You’ll obviously find out once you come.” Feng Xue was restless. She did not show any respect towards this powerful Chaotic Prime that was even stronger than the Darkstar Emperor.

Jian Chen became rather puzzled, but he did not become angered. Instead, he said indifferently, “In the Saints’ World, nothing good can come out of a Fifth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime talking to an expert far stronger than you like that unless you possess some great background.”

“Then you can kill me,” Feng Xue’s expression did not change, speaking coldly.

Jian Chen immediately became rather troubled. He downright ignored Feng Xue and continued tossing materials into the cauldron. “I’m refining pills. I’m busy!”

However, Feng Xue arrived before the cauldron in a flash and directly slammed it. With a rumble, all of the materials that Jian Chen had tossed into the cauldron were destroyed.

“What are you doing!?” Jian Chen became furious and immediately yelled out. His calm gaze sharpened like swords, stabbing into Feng Xue. It immediately made chills run through Feng Xue.

At the same time, a terrifying presence erupted from Jian Chen. Immediately, the surroundings rumbled; the clouds gathered in the sky all dispersed. Even the origin energy that flowed through the surroundings freely seemed to quieten down all of sudden.

This was the presence of a Chaotic Prime. The presence was so powerful that not only did it clear the skies, but it also seemed to make the entire mountain range sink. Many boulders shattered.

Feng Xue’s expression immediately changed. Before Jian Chen’s presence, she immediately felt her breathing halt. She felt like a mountain rested on her, where her movements became extremely difficult.

However, she did not show any fear or dread at all. There was only determination, having cast aside even the notion of death, like she was completely unafraid of death. Jian Chen’s strength had not frightened away her either.

Jian Chen sighed inside when he saw how determined and staunch Feng Xue was. He slowly withdrew his presence and pointed towards her gently without uttering a single word.

The powers of space pulsed; Feng Xue vanished. She had already travelled a great distance, appearing in the tenth divine hall.

“Stop bothering me!”

Jian Chen’s voice rang out in her ears.

However, right when Feng Xue was sent away by the Laws of Space, the Darkstar Emperor appeared silently before Jian Chen. He possessed white eyebrows and white hair, so he should have looked like an old man, yet he happened to have the face of a young man. He was handsome and striking, giving off a natural sense of authority from his stern expression.

“With how angry you got, I thought you were trying to kill her. Feng Xue is a little extreme and very stubborn, but I still hope you can show her mercy.” The Darkstar Emperor sighed gently.

“If I wanted to kill her, she definitely would not be still alive. Don’t worry, I’ll make sure that your Darkstar race doesn’t lose anyone at all so that the altar can be opened as soon as possible,” Jian Chen said calmly.

The Darkstar Emperor left, and Jian Chen began refining high grade Godking pills again.

This did not last too long. Seven days later, Feng Xue appeared in front of Jian Chen again, saying the same thing, “Come with me!”

“I’m refining pills. I’m busy. I’m not going.” Jian Chen declined without any hesitation. He had finally witnessed Feng Xue’s stubbornness now.

“It’s fine if you don’t go. Just give me Kun Tian, and I’ll stop bothering you. Otherwise, unless you kill me, I’ll never let you go.” Feng Xue’s voice was filled with a sense of determination like she would do everything that she said.

“Don’t tell me you want to use some special place in the Darkstar World to kill me?” Jian Chen gazed at Feng Xue calmly.

“You’re free to think whatever you want. However, if you come with me, I’ll stop bothering you,” said Feng Xue.

Jian Chen eased up for some reason when he heard that. He casually stowed the cauldron away and said, “If that’s the case, then lead the way. However, I hope you can uphold your promise. Don’t come and bother me again.”

Afterwards, Feng Xue led the way in front as Jian Chen followed behind her silently. He also felt curious about where she wanted to take him.

“There are many danger zones in the Darkstar World, but most of them only pose a lethal threat to Infinite Primes. With my strength as a Chaotic Prime and my Laws of Space at the Fourth Heavenly Layer of Chaotic Prime, there’s no place in the Darkstar World that can trap me if I want to leave,” Jian Chen thought. Even though he did not know everything about the Darkstar World, he had already gained a good grasp of this place through his time as the fifth hall master.

However, no matter how he racked his brain, he was simply unable to think of any place that could be used to kill him here.

The two of them moved very quickly. Jian Chen followed behind Feng Xue and traversed mountain after mountain, passing grasslands after grasslands. Finally, the two of them arrived in the depths of a mountain range.

The place was surrounded by mountains with a huge lake in the centre. The mountains were lush, and the water was blue. It was truly a treasured land of great scenery.

Feng Xue stopped quietly at the edge of the lake.

Jian Chen stood right behind Feng Xue, but he had furrowed his brows firmly, as he remembered this place, having visited it before.

“This is where Kun Tian and I regularly met. There are far too many sweet moments between him and me here, as well as far too many unforgettable memories.” Gazing at the rippling lake, Feng Xue seemed rather depressed and sorrowful. “However, Kun Tian is no longer around anymore. The story between him and I halted the moment he entered the Land of Soul Destruction forever.”

Before she knew it, sorrowful tears had already spilled out from her eyes, leaving behind two streaks.

She turned around slowly to face Jian Chen before she said with a pleading tone, “I know you can disguise yourself as Kun Tian. Can you turn into Kun Tian again so that I can see him again?”

Feng Xue was clearly deeply in love with Kun Tian.

Faced with Feng Xue’s pleas, Jian Chen actually found it rather difficult to decline. He took out the mask from the Illusionary Daemon race and placed it onto his face, immediately becoming Kun Tian.

Not only did his appearance change, but even the presence he gave off became identical. It was perfect, without a single flaw. Even Feng Xue, who was extremely close to Kun Tian, was unable to tell that the person before her was someone else in disguise.

“Kun Tian... it’s been many years, but we’ve finally met again,” Feng Xue murmured as she gazed at the “Kun Tian” before her in a daze.

“Kun Tian, it feels fantastic to be able to see you again. I know you aren’t you, but I can treat you as you.” Feng Xue smiled before jumping into the lake with a plop. She vanished from the surface.

When she emerged again, all of her clothes had already vanished, revealing a great deal of snowy-white skin.

In the lake, Feng Xue smiled charmingly and bobbed up and down in the water like a mermaid. She was graceful and enchanting.

Suddenly, she extended her slender arm and gestured at “Kun Tian” who stood on the shore with furrowed eyebrows. Her eyes drifted about. She was ravishing.

Chapter 3206: Encountering Jin Hong Again

“Kun Tian, come on down!” Feng Xue looked at Jian Chen disguised as Kun Tian. Her voice was velvety, enough to render people powerless.

She moved around in the lake gracefully like a fish while being completely unclothed, bobbing in the water. Coupled with the beautiful landscape in the surroundings, it formed a wonderful scene.

This scene was enough to stir the most primitive urges of all men.

However, Jian Chen was completely unfazed as he stood on the shore. His heart was utterly unperturbed. No matter how charming and gorgeous Feng Xue was, he remained impassive.

“I’ve already come here with you and given you what you want. Now, it’s time for you to uphold your promise.” On the shore, Jian Chen directly stared into Feng Xue’s eyes. His expression was chilly and slightly stern.

Feng Xue stiffened. She gazed at Jian Chen with resentment and mixed emotions, as Jian Chen had already returned to his original appearance by now. The “Kun Tian” in her eyes had already vanished.

After a moment of silence, Feng Xue grumbled, “I want you to spend a day here with me as Kun Tian. I want one last beautiful memory.”

“You will be leaving the Darkstar World one day. Once you leave, I won’t be able to see Kun Tian again.”

Feng Xue smiled faintly again, curling her finger at Jian Chen again in a charming manner. She said delicately, “Quick, change back. Come down as Kun Tian. We can be like before.”

However, Feng Xue’s flirting with Jian Chen was completely useless. He said emotionlessly, “I need to go back and refine pills. I don’t have enough time to waste here with you. Farewell!”

With that, Jian Chen immediately vanished like he had teleported away, leaving through the Laws of Space. He only left behind a booming message that seemed to resound from the sky, echoing through the mountains and even shaking up the trees. Even the surface of the lake rippled as a result.

“Don’t forget about your promise. Don’t bother me again in the future!”

In the lake, Feng Xue completely stiffened. Her charming smile completely vanished, and her face darkened.

“Argh!”

Suddenly, Feng Xue let out a great roar. Powerful energy surged through the mountains and trees. With a great boom, the mountains shook, collapsing one by one.

Immediately, the entire place was rendered beyond recognition. The surrounding mountains and beautiful lake had all vanished.

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Sure enough, Feng Xue stopped bothering Jian Chen from then onwards. He remained on the mountain, refining Godking pills day after day, year after year.

With his rate of refining Godking pills, he produced ten thousand of them each century.

Time flew by. Another two centuries passed in the blink of an eye. It had already been over four hundred years since Jian Chen arrived in the Darkstar World, and he had produced forty thousand high grade Godking pills already.

These high grade Godking pills had all been distributed by the Darkstar Emperor, basically all used to replenish the power of the thirty-six major cities.

During the years he refined pills, Jian Chen would use the senses of his soul to check on the Darkstar race from time to time, personally investigating whether any latent side-effects had appeared on the people of the Darkstar race that had consumed Godking pills.

But to his joy, nothing strange happened to them even until now.

“Looks like high grade Godking pills are safe. If that’s the case, I can freely use them to strengthen the clan when I return to the Tian Yuan clan the next time.” Jian Chen was eager. He had waited far, far too long for that day.

At this moment, Jian Chen’s expression changed, and a smear of surprise appeared in his eyes. He gazed into the distance and murmured, “There are actually Infinite Primes fighting there. Hmm? This presence...”

Jian Chen’s eyes narrowed, becoming surprised. In the next moment, he vanished.

This was the first time he had left here in his two centuries of refining pills.

At this moment, in an uninhabited area of the Darkstar World, several figures brushed past each other in the air. They surged with energy, forming balls of light that clashed together.

There were a total of four people fighting, except it was three people against one. They carried out a battle to the death.

From the energy and presence of the trio, they were clearly experts of the Darkstar race, while the person outnumbered clearly possessed energy and presence that did not belong to the Darkstar World. He was an expert of the Saints’ World.

He was the young master of the Dire Wolf clan, Jin Hong!

Jin Hong’s present strength had already reached the Fourth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime.

Of course, the reason why he could cultivate so quickly was not due to his talent or the Grand Exalt’s legacy he had obtained.

Instead, it was because of the droplet of a Grand Exalt’s essence blood he had obtained from Jian Chen!

The Grand Exalt’s essence blood possessed extraordinary energy. Not only had it strengthened Jin Hong’s bloodline, allowing him to reach Infinite Prime prematurely, but it also allowed his strength to grow in a way that defied logic over the past few years.

Of course, after reaching the Fourth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime, the droplet of essence blood from the Grand Exalt was completely depleted. His strength began to grow at a regular rate once again.

Even though he was a Fourth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, his battle prowess had completely surpassed his current realm due to the Grand Exalt's legacy. He was invincible within his own realm. Add to that his various secret techniques, he was extremely powerful. Even some Fifth Heavenly Layer Infinite Primes were not his opponent.

However, he had clearly lost the upper hand right now as he faced three opponents at the same time. He was forced into a retreat by the three Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race, forced to back away in the direction of the Two World Mountains.

There were even many wounds on his body, dripping with blood. He was already quite injured.

"I represent the Dire Wolf clan. I've specially come to negotiate with the Darkstar race. I hope to reestablish the connection and trade between our worlds. I have no ill intentions," Jin Hong said sternly. Among the three Primordial realm experts he faced, one of them was the second hall master Arna, a Sixth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime.

Faced with Arna, Jin Hong clearly stood no chance. He was completely overwhelmed.

The other two experts were vice hall masters of the second divine hall.

"Hmph, an outsider Primordial realm expert has snuck into our world. You must be up to no good, yet you still try to deny it!" the second hall master Arna said coldly. He used his full strength without holding back at all, such that Jin Hong could only defend. He was completely incapable of fighting back.

At this moment, a figure appeared in the distance with a flash. As powerful presences radiated outwards, more Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race had rushed over at the news of this.

There was a great group of people this time, over a dozen of them in total. The ten divine halls all sent vice hall masters.

The tenth hall master Feng Xue had arrived with all of her vice hall masters as well.

A foreign Primordial realm expert infiltrating the Darkstar World was without a doubt reopening the Darkstar race's scars from the past. It immediately filled them with anger and killing intent.

They could permit foreign Godkings, as no matter what Godkings did, they could not upheave the entire world.

However, they definitely could not permit Primordial realm experts.

Once discovered, their standard practice was unleashing the strength of the entire race to kill them.

Immediately, Jin Hong became caught in a tight encirclement.

"I have no ill intentions! You shouldn't go too far!" Jin Hong roared out furiously. Even though he was heavily surrounded, he did not panic at all.

Chapter 3207: Overwhelming Strength

"No ill intentions? Hmph, if we were to actually believe the lies of you outsiders, we'd be utter fools."

"Foreign Primordial realm experts will be slain without mercy."

Jin Hong was better off staying quiet. Now that he had spoken up, the killing intent from these Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race immediately reached a new level.

They truly could not trust outsiders anymore, as they had once been deceived horrendously, and they had paid a bloody price for that. They even faced the threat of extinction as a result.

Immediately, over a dozen Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race completely surrounded Jin Hong, enclosing him inside and giving him no space to flee.

On top of that, some of these Primordial realm experts were even more powerful than Jin Hong.

With Jin Hong's current strength, he had lost the upper hand just from facing the three Primordial realm experts of the second divine hall. Now that the people he was facing had grown to over a dozen all of a sudden, he obviously stood no chance at all.

The Primordial realm experts all wielded god artifacts, so they could unleash more strength than normal.

On the other hand, due to the limitations of the passageway, Jin Hong did not possess even a single god artifact despite being the young master of the Dire Wolf clan, and supreme quality saint artifacts were completely useless to such an expert.

As a result, he was empty-handed.

Energy surged through the surroundings as the Primordial realm experts struck at the same time. As they swung their god artifacts, powerful energy erupted immediately, hurtling towards Jin Hong mercilessly.

Before the terrifying energy had even arrived, the pressure from the surroundings seized Jin Hong, leaving him immobilised. Even moving a finger became extremely difficult.

These high-ranking members of the Darkstar race clearly had no plans on keeping him alive. They struck to kill.

Jin Hong sighed powerlessly. Despite facing death, he did not become flustered at all. Instead, he was just about to use a secret technique.

But at this very moment, the space that trembled from their battle suddenly seized and froze. Everyone in the region, including the Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race, became locked in place in the exact same posture.

All of the incoming god artifacts halted mid-air. The energy attacks from the Primordial realm experts also turned into clusters of colourful light, hovering in the air without budging.

At this moment, the world seemed to have plunged into silence, turning into a vivid painting, frozen for eternity.

Except their eyes were clearly filled with fury, powerlessness, and fear.

In the next moment, a young man in white silently appeared in this quiet, picturesque scene. He glanced past the Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race and Jin Hong with a sense of helplessness.

Jin Hong was also trapped. He swivelled his eyes and immediately recognised Jian Chen. He suddenly blanked out, filled with disbelief.

“If there are any problems, you are more than welcome to sit down and talk about it, so why must you start fighting as soon as you see each other?” Jian Chen asked. With that, the frozen space immediately returned to normal, and everyone was freed again.

However, all of the attacks hurtling towards Jin Hong collapsed mid-air.

The invisible Laws of Space swept through this place, easily nullifying all of the attacks from the Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar race.

“J-Jian Chen, how can it be you? How can you be here?” Jin Hong said. He was filled with extremely mixed emotions.

By now, it was no longer a secret that Jian Chen had disguised himself as the fifth hall master. As a result, as the young master of the Dire Wolf clan, Jin Hong had obviously found out a long time ago. The Yang Yutian who had given him a droplet of a Grand Exalt’s blood back then in the Darkstar World was actually Jian Chen of the Tian Yuan clan.

The Tian Yuan clan of the Cloud Plane was an existence of some renown throughout the entire Saints’ World.

Several dozen peak organisations had threatened the Tian Yuan clan in the past, only for them to shoot themselves in the foot in the end. The news of the speechless event had spread through the high-ranking organisations of the Saints’ World a long time ago.

“He has infiltrated our Darkstar race with ulterior motives. Our Darkstar race must kill him. Move aside!” The tenth hall master Feng Xue’s voice rang out. Her gaze was extremely sharp, filled with heavy killing intent.

“His name is Jin Hong. He’s the young master of the Dire Wolf clan, as well as the successor of a Grand Exalt. I know him better than you. He’s not a malicious person like you describe him to be,” Jian Chen said, wanting to protect Jin Hong.

Afterwards, he turned towards Jin Hong and immediately took out a God Tier fruit from his Space Ring. “This has healing properties, so you should eat it and recover. Don’t worry, as long as I’m around, no one here can harm you.”

Jin Hong subconsciously looked at the God Tier fruit. Immediately, his eyes widened. “T-this is a God Tier heavenly resource, and it’s already reached the peak of low grade. It’s almost a mid grade God Tier heavenly resource. Jian Chen, h-h-how did you bring this God Tier fruit in with you?”

“Hmm, no. This presence...” But very soon, Jin Hong’s eyes narrowed. A large number of memories surged through his head, and he immediately became surprised. “Is this the legendary Xuanhuang Qi?”

“Jian Chen, this is far too precious. It’s basically a waste of such a precious heavenly resource to heal such little wounds. You should take it back.” Jin Hong immediately recognised the value of the God Tier fruit before returning it to Jian Chen again.

"I have plenty more of these God Tier fruits on me. You don't have to be so polite, brother Jin Hong," said Jian Chen.

"Enough!" Feng Xue could not stand this anymore. She stared at Jian Chen extremely coldly and said, "Our race does not permit foreign Primordial realm experts setting foot in here. Since he's come in, then there will only be death for him."

"I'm also a foreign Primordial realm expert, yet aren't I standing here just fine? Alright, we'll drop the matter here. Just give up on this. If I'm protecting Jin Hong, none of you can kill him. You should all go back." With that, Jian Chen disregarded the twisted expressions of the Primordial realm experts and left through the Laws of Space.

It was the same mountain as where Jian Chen refined his pills. They sat before one another as Jian Chen personally made a pot of Comprehension Tea to receive him.

Jian Chen found Jin Hong to be quite admirable. He was also someone that he found most pleasing to the eye, so he treated him as a friend.

"Jin Hong, you've been far too rash this time. It's not like you don't know about the Darkstar race's hatred for foreign cultivators. It's very easy for you to lose your life if you just barge in here like that," Jian Chen said as he made tea.

"Since I was bold enough to enter the territory of the Darkstar race, I obviously possessed a certain amount of confidence. I might not have been their opponent, but stopping me from leaving won't be easy either," said Jin Hong.

"I'm aware you've inherited many secret techniques of a Grand Exalt, but the Darkstar Emperor has everything you possess as well. In the Darkstar World, you can underestimate the ten hall masters, but you must never underestimate the Darkstar Emperor. I've clashed with him in the past before. His strength is well beyond your imagination." Jian Chen warned him seriously.

"Thank you for your warning. I will be careful," Jin Hong was solemn. After a pause, he continued, "Actually, I've come to the Darkstar World this time under the will of many organisations from the Saints' World. I've come to negotiate with the Darkstar race in hopes of reviving our previous trade. I do not possess any ulterior motives."

"Jian Chen, just what is going on between you and the Darkstar race right now?"

Chapter 3208 – Negotiation

Jin Hong asked about their situation. He had far too many doubts and confusions after accidentally encountering Jian Chen in the Darkstar World.

In particular, the helplessness on the faces of the Primordial realm experts of the Darkstar expert when Jian Chen suddenly appeared and forcefully took him away earlier left Jin Hong extremely puzzled.

He could clearly sense that Jian Chen's relationship with the Darkstar race was not what he imagined it to be.

Jian Chen controlled the fire and boiled the tea carefully as he said in thought, "You can say my relationship with the Darkstar race is cooperative. Of course, you can also interpret it as a deal."

“What? You’ve even established a cooperative relationship with the Darkstar race?” Jin Hong was visibly surprised. He stared at Jian Chen with widened eyes as he asked in complete doubt, “But according to the information that I possess, the Darkstar race was like ice and fire with you after the great ceremony had failed. How are you so close to the Darkstar race a-a-all of a sudden?”

Jian Chen chuckled. “Brother Jin Hong, I think you’ve heard this before, but there are no eternal enemies in the world, nor are there eternal friends. There is only eternal benefit.”

“I don’t really agree with that saying. It’s a little too surface level, but I have to admit that it is correct to a certain degree. The improvement in my relationship with the Darkstar race is based on that.”

“Jian Chen, j-just how did you do that? I’m a Primordial realm expert just like you. I’m even a Grand Exalt’s successor on top of that, yet the treatment we receive in the Darkstar World is completely different.” Jin Hong felt wronged when he mentioned this.

Jian Chen smiled. “If you want to succeed with that, it’s very simple. You just need to possess strength so great that the Darkstar race fears you, such that even if they muster the strength of their entire race, they pose no threat to you. At that level, the Darkstar race obviously can’t do anything to you, as they’re not capable of that. They’ll be forced to accept your existence.”

“My cooperation with the Darkstar race is completely built off great power. Without the strength to overwhelm their entire race, it’s completely impossible for foreign Primordial realm experts to exist here given their caution towards outsiders, much less cooperate with them.”

Jin Hong became more and more shocked as he listened to Jian Chen. He was tongue-tied. “Y-y- you mean- you mean you already- already possess the strength to overwhelm the entire Darkstar race?”

Jian Chen nodded. By now, the tea had already been made. He personally poured a cup for Jin Hong. “Come, have some tea. Drink it while it’s hot.”

Jin Hong stared at Jian Chen blankly, remaining silent for a very long while. He subconsciously lifted up the tea cup and drank all the Comprehension Tea in a single gulp.

As soon as the tea entered his mouth, the heavy presence of ways immediately filled his face. The indiscernible ways and laws originally hidden within the mist directly cleared up, presenting themselves before Jin Hong clearly.

Under this state, Jin Hong immediately felt like his comprehension of the ways was soaring.

He subconsciously shut his eyes and immediately sank into cultivation.

The presence of ways within Comprehension Tea was even heavier than Fortune God Jade, but it possessed a major flaw—it only lasted for a very short time. It was nowhere near as sustainable as Fortune God Jade.

As a result, in just a single day, Jin Hong sobered up from comprehending the ways. Shock filled his eyes as he stared at the empty cup before him in disbelief. “I-is this the legendary Comprehension Tea?”

“Yes, it is Comprehension Tea, fifth grade God Tier comprehension tea. However, your strength has advanced far too aggressively recently, so your cultivation is not consolidated enough. Otherwise, the

cup of Comprehension Tea should have been enough for you to advance by a minor realm of cultivation. After all, my Comprehension Tea is no ordinary Comprehension Tea,” Jian Chen said casually.

Jin Hong’s eyes burned with interest. He stared straight at Jian Chen. “I- if you can spare me a few more cups, I’ll definitely be able to make a breakthrough.” When he said that, Jin Hong turned slightly red for once.

Jian Chen laughed. “I don’t have a lot of Comprehension Tea on me, so I can only invite you to a cup. I don’t have any more for you.”

A smear of disappointment appeared in Jin Hong’s eyes, but he seemed to remember something. He immediately looked at Jian Chen solemnly. “Jian Chen, since you already possess the strength to overwhelm the entire Darkstar race, then I hope you can help me out with something.”

Jian Chen glanced at Jin Hong and said nothing. He already had a few guesses.

“I’ve actually been burdened with the hopes of many peak organisations of the Saints’ World for coming into the Darkstar World. They all hope to convince the Darkstar race into establishing the same relationship as before through me, where we can engage in trade and obtain what we need.”

“As long as the Darkstar race agrees, they’ll drop the fact that they destroyed the Hundred Saint City. They will even forget about all of their clansmen that died here.”

Jin Hong let out a sigh and said helplessly, “I originally planned on negotiating with the Darkstar race, but you’ve seen what happened as well. They had no intention of talking with me. Instead, they’re basically tempted to kill me on the spot as soon as they see me.”

“As a result, it’s almost impossible for me to negotiate with them through my abilities alone. I hope you can help me.” Jin Hong stared at Jian Chen seriously. “If I can get your help, I’ll be able to complete this mission very easily.”

Jian Chen said nothing. He stood up slowly and arrived at the edge of the cliff, gazing at the sea of clouds in the distance with his hands behind his back. Only after a moment of silence did he say slowly, “Jin Hong, you can only rely on yourself for this. I can’t help you. I can only promise you that I will ensure your safety as long as you are in the Darkstar World.”

“Of course, that’s given that you don’t do anything against the Darkstar World.”

“Jian Chen-” Jin Hong did not give up. He wanted to convince Jian Chen, but he was interrupted by Jian Chen when he raised his hand. “Don’t talk about this anymore. I don’t want to become involved in the various organisations of the Saints’ World and the Darkstar race’s struggles and interests. I won’t become involved either.”

“However, there is something that I can tell you. I’ve already made a promise to the Heavenly Crane clan, so I will do my best to persuade the Darkstar Emperor to prioritise trade with the Heavenly Crane clan. He might even make the Heavenly Crane clan become the only ones that can trade with them.”

“Make the Heavenly Crane clan become the only ones that can trade with them? Don’t tell me it’s because of He Qianqian?” Jin Hong smiled wryly. He already understood that his chances at getting Jian Chen’s help had become slim.

“Not because of He Qianqian, but because I made a promise to ancestor Lan of the Heavenly Crane clan,” said Jian Chen.

As soon as Jian Chen mentioned ancestor Lan, Jin Hong became serious. The ancestors in his clan had mentioned her before. She was a terrifying figure that even their Dire Wolf clan feared.

Jian Chen’s expression changed, and he stared off into the distance. In the next moment, a figure silently appeared in the empty space.

He was young and extremely handsome. He maintained the same, stern expression all day long without smiling, except he had a head full of long, snowy-white hair.

He was the youthful emperor of the Darkstar race.

Chapter 3209: Negotiations Between the Two Worlds

But right now, the Darkstar Emperor’s expression was rather sunken. As soon as he arrived here, his gaze became fixed on Jin Hong. It was extremely sharp and filled with undisguised killing intent.

The killing intent was completely exposed. Even with Jian Chen right next to him, he did not try to hide it.

Under the Darkstar Emperor’s killing intent, Jin Hong subconsciously tensed up. He became cautious, completely on-guard.

He sensed a lethal threat from the Darkstar Emperor; he felt like he was facing a Chaotic Prime. He immediately behaved like he was facing a powerful enemy.

Jin Hong was the successor of a Grand Exalt, and the Darkstar Emperor also possessed the legacy of a Grand Exalt from a certain perspective.

On top of that, the pure blood of a Grand Exalt flowed through the Darkstar Emperor’s body.

As a result, Jin Hong possessed no advantage at all as the successor of a Grand Exalt in front of the Darkstar Emperor.

Jian Chen looked at the Darkstar Emperor. He could clearly sense the killing intent, which made him frown immediately. He said, “Emperor, have you come for Jin Hong as well?”

“A Fourth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime. Looks like you’ve been hiding in our race for a very long time.” The Darkstar Emperor ignored Jian Chen and stared straight at Jin Hong with an extremely sharp gaze. His voice was gruff, like he was hiding fury that would erupt at any moment.

Finally, the Darkstar Emperor looked at Jian Chen. He said emotionlessly, “Jian Chen, you should understand the situation of our race. We cannot permit any foreign Primordial realm experts setting foot here. You are the only exception. Do you really intend to protect him?”

The Darkstar Emperor stared at Jian Chen. Even though he knew Jian Chen was well beyond anything he could deal with currently, he still held his ground staunchly. He was firm when it came to both his tone and stance.

Jian Chen gazed at the Darkstar Emperor calmly and said slowly, "I know your Darkstar race cannot tolerate any foreign Primordial realm experts, as people like that are completely beyond your control. If they want to hide, they only need to vanish into the Two World Mountains, and the Life-devouring Beasts there won't be able to threaten them, while your Darkstar race will also struggle to find them."

"Of course, what you're most afraid of is foreign Primordial realm experts sneaking into the Darkstar World and cultivating secretly, producing a figure like me several years in the future and bringing a disaster to your Darkstar race."

"Since you know about the trouble we face, why do you still protect him? Jian Chen, I'm very disappointed in your actions. That is a bottom line that my race cannot cross," the Darkstar Emperor said sternly.

"Don't worry. At most, I will take Jin Hong away with me when I leave. I won't let him remain in the Darkstar race," Jian Chen said calmly. He obviously understood the Darkstar race's worries, so he was not surprised at all by the Darkstar Emperor's reaction.

All members of the Darkstar race grew extremely slowly in strength in the Darkstar World, and the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime was the limit of their cultivation so far.

On the other hand, foreign cultivators did not have that limitation. Even if their strength would increase much more slowly compared to in the Saints' World due to the lack of resources, they still had a chance at reaching Chaotic Prime after a certain period of consolidation.

If a Chaotic Prime actually appeared after many years, that would be a destructive crisis to the Darkstar race.

And Jin Hong's cultivation as a Fourth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime was already turning into a threat.

As a result, Jin Hong's existence happened to touch on the Darkstar race's softest spot.

"Darkstar Emperor, I have no ill intentions. I came here only in hopes of negotiating with your Darkstar race. I wish to re-establish our previous relationship of commerce," Jin Hong clasped his fist towards the Darkstar Emperor and said with utter sincerity.

"Our race will not be discussing anything with Primordial realm experts of your Saints' World. If you really want to discuss with us, there is one way, which is for you to leave our world immediately. I will personally watch you as you pass through the passageway." The Darkstar Emperor's face was completely sunken. He stared at Jin Hong coldly. "If you don't leave, then our race will never discuss anything with you outsiders."

"That's not something I can decide on. Darkstar Emperor, please allow me to return to the Two World Mountains so that I can communicate with the seniors outside." Jin Hong clearly noticed the Darkstar Emperor's attitude towards this, so he could only step down.

"Brother Jin Hong, let me accompany you." Jian Chen was worried about Jin Hong leaving alone, so he immediately brought Jin Hong into the Two World Mountains with the Laws of Space.

The Darkstar Emperor hesitated momentarily before personally following along. He concealed his presence completely and silently entered the depths of the Two World Mountains.

Jin Hong's appearance had clearly threatened the Darkstar race very much. The Darkstar Emperor placed extremely great emphasis on this. He did not dare to be careless at all.

Soon afterwards, Jian Chen returned to the spatial tunnel in the depths of the Two World Mountains with Jin Hong. The entire region there was enveloped in a barrier, not only stopping Life-devouring Beasts, but also blocking the entry of the Darkstar race as well.

Near the tunnel, due to Jin Hong hiding in the Darkstar race, there were clansmen from the Dire Wolf clan stationed there all year round to serve as messengers between Jin Hong and the outside world.

As soon as Jin Hong arrived, he passed a jade slip with secret information to a person stationed there. They would bring it out of the Darkstar World and hand it to his seniors.

The Darkstar Emperor appeared outside the barrier with his presence completely concealed. His face was sunken as he remained in the Two World Mountains, personally watching through the barrier.

Afterwards, Jin Hong used his clansmen to pass on messages as he communicated with the seniors outside. After many exchanges, the organisations behind Jin Hong finally seemed to come to an agreement. They expressed that they were willing for Jin Hong to return from the Darkstar World, and they had also put forward their conditions for that.

However, even Jian Chen frowned when he heard these conditions. He believed the organisations in the outside world had gone a little too far. Did they really think that the Darkstar race would be completely at their whim if they stationed Jin Hong here as a form of deterrence?

"Hmph, you have no right to bargain with us. Make your Primordial realm expert leave the Darkstar World, and I'll give you an opportunity to discuss with us." The Darkstar Emperor gave a firm reply from outside the barrier. He left absolutely no room for discussion.

The Darkstar Emperor's intentions were conveyed to the outside world. Very soon, the people of the Dire Wolf clan returned to the Darkstar World again with a message from the outside world. "Darkstar Emperor, if you don't agree, then we'll make Jin Hong remain in the Darkstar World forever. We have over a hundred peak organisations outside that have already come to an agreement. We will nurture Jin Hong with everything we have so that he becomes a Chaotic Prime as quickly as possible."

This time, the threatening intentions of the organisations from the Saints' World were completely exposed without any attempt at hiding it.

When the Darkstar Emperor heard that, he immediately erupted with killing intent. This was the exact reason why his Darkstar race did not permit the existence of foreign Primordial realm experts.

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The Darkstar Emperor stood outside the barrier and faced Jian Chen emotionlessly. His tone was very cold as he said, "Jian Chen, do you still intend on protecting him given all this?"

"Darkstar Emperor, since I have made a promise to your race, I definitely won't do anything detrimental to the Darkstar race. At the same time, I can guarantee you that I will forcefully take Jin Hong away from here on the day I leave whether he agrees or not. Is that enough for you?"

After Jian Chen said that to the Darkstar Emperor, he turned towards Jin Hong. “Brother Jin Hong, you can’t blame me for this. The organisations of the Saints’ World behind you are just a little too greedy, and they’ve gone too far with trying to use you to threaten the Darkstar race.”

“I’ve made a promise to the Darkstar race as well, so I can only stand with the Darkstar race regarding this.”

“Brother Jian Chen, y-you’re truly putting me in a dilemma.” Jin Hong was troubled. He felt extremely conflicted inside. He knew that if Jian Chen actually wanted to take him away from here, it was impossible for him to put up any resistance given his terrifying strength that even deterred the Darkstar Emperor, not to mention his Laws of Space.

“However, I still need to report this to the seniors in my clan.” Jin Hong could only let his seniors from the Saints’ World decide on this.

Even though Jian Chen had already said all that, the Darkstar Emperor still refused to budge. Instead, he stood outside the barrier and said coldly, “Jian Chen, it’s not that I don’t trust you. It’s just that I can never trust these people of the Saints’ World. There is no room for discussion. The foreign Primordial realm expert must leave the Darkstar World.”

As soon as the Darkstar Emperor said that, another clansman of the Dire Wolf clan under the age of a thousand arrived here from the tunnel, bringing with him the message from all the peak organisations.

“Darkstar Emperor, you’ll be agreeing to our demands whether you want to or not. Otherwise, Jin Hong will remain in the Two World Mountains, and from here on out, over a hundred peak organisations of the Saints’ World will muster all that they can to deliver resources to him so that he reaches Chaotic Prime as soon as possible.”

“There is a barrier in the depths of the Two World Mountains. Life-devouring Beasts cannot pass through it, and your Darkstar race cannot set foot in it either. If Jin Hong remains here, you won’t be able to harm even a hair on him even with your battle prowess that rivals Chaotic Primes.”

“On top of that, just in case your Darkstar race goes back on your word, you’ll need to swear an oath in the name of your ancestor, the Darkstar Emperor.”

Jian Chen was unable to stand the various demands from the outside world. He was not from the Darkstar race, but he had also developed a sense of aversion towards these organisations with how unruly and unreasonable they were.

At this moment, he even agreed with the Darkstar race’s methods very much. The Darkstar World truly could not allow the existence of any foreign Primordial realm experts.

The Darkstar World was just a pie that all the peak organisations wanted a slice of. Due to the special geography and environment, it produced many items and resources that could not appear in the Saints’ World, and the organisations of the Saints’ World all needed these items.

As a result, these ambitious peak organisations would never give up on occupying the Darkstar World. They even wanted to directly claim the Darkstar World for themselves.

In the past, they did not have this bargaining chip, so they were forced to get what they needed through trade with the Darkstar race, even listening to and obliging to the Darkstar race to a certain degree.

But now that they had a trump card, Jin Hong, they believed they could restrain the Darkstar World through him. As a result, their ambitions were immediately exposed.

The Darkstar Emperor's expression was extremely sunken. The methods of the organisations of the Saints' World had crossed the most sensitive bottom line of the Darkstar race again and again.

"Jin Hong, the organisations behind you have gone a little too far." Jian Chen shook his head gently and said, "You can directly tell the people of the outside world that I'm here. If they really intend on reviving trade with the Darkstar race, then tell them to send in someone else to negotiate with the Darkstar race."

"Make them give up on the thought of using you to threaten the Darkstar race, as I am a man of my word. When I leave, I will be taking you out with me."

"In short, you can only remain in the Darkstar World until I leave."

"Alright, I'll pass that message onto the seniors outside." Jin Hong was helpless. He could only pass on Jian Chen's message.

As Jin Hong engraved the message, the Darkstar Emperor's cold voice rang out from outside the barrier. "Tell the people behind you that they better not think we'll actually be powerless if they send a Primordial realm expert in here. When push really comes to shove, we will gather the power of our entire race to cast the ultimate curse again and erase your existence."

"During your battle with the experts of my race, we already gathered your blood. Once we cast the ultimate curse and use your blood as a medium, you'll die even if you flee to the outside world, let alone if you hide in the barrier."

Jin Hong's expression changed slightly when he heard that. He cast a questioning gaze towards Jian Chen.

"The Darkstar race indeed has an ultimate curse like that. I don't know whether it's effective in the outside world, but at the very least, you definitely can't stop the curse if you remain in the barrier," said Jian Chen. He had personally experienced the power of the ultimate curse in the past, so he understood it.

Jin Hong's expression was rather ugly. After some thought, he also reported the news of the Darkstar race's ultimate curse.

At this moment, in a majestic divine hall within Darkstar City, several hundred experts of various organisations that differed in age and stature gathered together.

They were all from various peak organisations of the Saints' World. Every single one of them was a respected great elder. They possessed extremely great authority and could make decisions over important matters.

In this hall, over a hundred peak organisations of the Saints' World had gathered together.

Not only were the organisations that constructed the Hundred Saint City present, but there were even many peak organisations that had not participated in the Hundred Saint City but had Grand Primes.

Now, for the sake of their interests in the Darkstar World, they had no other choice but to strike up an alliance.

The Dire Wolf clan had become the mainstay among these organisations. They had the greatest authority.

All of this was due to the fact that Jin Hong originated from the Dire Wolf clan.

“Hopefully, the Darkstar race will yield this time.”

“Hmph, it’ll be best if they don’t yield. If they don’t yield, then we’ll all pour our efforts into nurturing Jin Hong so that he conquers the Darkstar World.”

“Nurturing Jin Hong to conquer the Darkstar World is not a good plan. It will obviously be best if we can reach an agreement. After all, Jin Hong’s cultivation rate will be extremely slow in the Darkstar World. We can’t bring in high quality heavenly resources. Even if Jin Hong is talented, reaching Chaotic Prime won’t be easy under such circumstances.”

“You’re right. Nurturing Jin Hong into a Chaotic Prime is just an attempt to bluff the Darkstar race. After all, who knows how long it will take before Jin Hong reaches Chaotic Prime given these circumstances. Moreover, I don’t think the Dire Wolf clan wants their talented descendant to be stuck in the Darkstar World for so long.”

Everyone carried out a discussion regarding the matter within the Darkstar World. They were all eager.

Among the Primordial realm experts, the Dire Wolf clan stood out the most. A Grand Prime of the Dire Wolf clan presided over this in person, sitting with his eyes shut like he was resting.

Behind him, three Chaotic prime great elders of the Dire Wolf clan stood with their arms by their sides silently. They did not dare to utter a word.

“Compared to this talented descendant of my clan, the resources and benefits of the Darkstar World are insignificant. Sending him in is really just an opportunity for him to train and toughen up.” At this moment, the ancestor of the Dire Wolf clan spoke up. With that, everyone fell silent in the hall.

“Of course, if we can begin discussions with the Darkstar race again, that would be for the best.” The ancestor of the Dire Wolf clan’s voice was powerful.

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“Senior, but what if the Darkstar race refuses?” a Chaotic Prime great elder asked carefully.

The ancestor of the Dire Wolf clan opened his eyes slowly. He glanced past everyone present with a sharp gaze and said slowly, “Our clan will never do anything that ruins Jin Hong’s future prospects, so there’s only one method for Jin Hong to remain in the Darkstar World and reach Chaotic Prime.”

The ancestor of the Dire Wolf clan paused before continuing with his powerful voice, “And that is to deliver all the God Tier heavenly resources you’ve collected from Xuanhuang Microcosm into the Darkstar World so that our talented descendant can use them for cultivation.”

“The Darkstar World limits all God Tier items, but it cannot limit heavenly resources from Xuanhuang Microcosms that possess Xuanhuang Qi.”