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“I will ensure that your Sword Emperor city remains completely uninvolved with the chaos in the Peace region.”

“Then thank you for this, fellow.” The Sword Emperor bowed solemnly.

“Oh right, has there been any news regarding the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King?” Jian Chen asked suddenly.

The Sword Emperor shook his head. A strange light flashed through his eyes. “Ever since the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King left Sword Emperor city, he hasn’t appeared in the Peace region again. It’s as if he’s vanished altogether.”

“Otherwise, if the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King was free to move about in the Peace region, probably all nine imperial cities would have yielded to the Scarlet Blood Domain already.”

“After all, not yielding would mean death.”

Towards the end, the Sword Emperor was rather speechless too. Right when they were prepared to yield to the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King, he never imagined him to suddenly vanish after entering Sword Emperor city, which was the only reason why they made a different choice.

Jian Chen said nothing. Everything was as he had expected. The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King’s ancestral imprint had ended up in his hands. Without it, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King could no longer be regarded as a heavenly king. Not only did his strength plummet, but he was even heavily injured, so he obviously had to spend some time away from view.

The Sword Emperor continued, “The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King hasn’t appeared again, but the experts from the Jade Centre Domain and the Grand Heaven Domain are constantly guarding against him, so they’re incapable of using their full strength when they clash with the experts of the Scarlet Blood Domain. They need to conserve a majority of their strength for the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King who could potentially be lurking around.”

“Otherwise, the Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Centre Domain would have chased the people from the Scarlet Blood Domain out of the Peace region a long time ago with them working together.”

Jian Chen listened along quietly. He remained unfazed and at ease the entire time as if even if the world ended right now, it would not be able to disturb him.

But at this moment, Jian Chen’s expression changed as he gazed out of Sword Emperor city.

Before long, several powerful presences rapidly approached Sword Emperor city from afar.

In the end, they barged into Sword Emperor city without concealing their presences at all, creating a great disturbance. They hovered above the Sword Emperor’s estate.

There were a total of five of them. They were all above the Fifth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime, where the strongest had already reached the Eighth Heavenly Layer.

Strength like that was completely beyond the Sword Emperor’s.

“I am an elder of the Divine Palace of Grand Heaven. Sword Emperor, meet with me immediately,” the Eighth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime bellowed out, his voice rolling out like thunder. The great sound waves made many of the structures in the city sway about as their walls became covered with cracks.

When they heard the Divine Palace of Grand Heaven, countless cultivators in Sword Emperor city were startled. The Divine Palace of Grand Heaven was the peak organisation that governed the entire Grand Heaven Domain. The Heaven Fighting Ruler was their palace master.

The Sword Emperor appeared sternly. He clasped his fist. “I am Jian Feng. Greetings, fellows of the Divine Palace of Grand Heaven.”

“Sword Emperor, why do you not answer our call and fend off the people of the Scarlet Blood Domain with us? Don’t tell me your Sword Emperor city has also joined the Scarlet Blood Domain’s side?” The Eighth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime old man stared at the Sword Emperor coldly and spoke with hostility.

“You’ve misunderstood. Our Sword Emperor city has not joined the Scarlet Blood Domain,” said the Sword Emperor.

“Since you haven’t joined the Scarlet Blood Domain, your Sword Emperor city needs to immediately send troops against the Scarlet Blood Domain. All the Infinite Primes within your Sword Emperor city’s range of influence must be mobilised too,” said the Eighth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime, demanding coldly.

Normally, an organisation like Sword Emperor city obviously would not be enough to catch the Divine Palace of Grand Heaven’s attention, but given the special circumstances, they suffered from a vacuum in strength. After all, their ruler was not present, and many of their experts had followed their ruler to the demonic island out at sea.

Without the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King, the remaining forces left behind by the three rulers were approximately the same, but the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King on the Scarlet Blood Domain’s side had immediately destroyed the balance between the three of them.

The Wood Spirits World had eight other heavenly kings, but the eight heavenly kings belonged to none of the rulers. All of them remained neutral, refusing to become involved in the conflict between the three rulers.

As a result, they could not mobilise any of the eight other heavenly kings.

“Our Sword Emperor city has no plans to participate in the conflict this time, so please forgive us.” The Sword Emperor clasped his fist.

When he heard that, the old man from the Divine Palace of Grand Heaven’s face immediately sank. He said coldly, “The Peace region is in chaos. None of the nine imperial cities can remain uninvolved in this. Sword Emperor, only two paths are available before you. The first is joining our Jade Centre Domain and Grand Heaven Domain against the Scarlet Blood Domain.”

“The second is you joining the Scarlet Blood Domain.” Reaching there, the old man’s eyes shone with cold killing intent. “However, I must make it clear to you that if you join the Scarlet Blood Domain, I’ll destroy your city right now.”

When he heard that, the Sword Emperor’s expression changed slightly. He glanced in a different direction and clasped his fist. “Fellow Jian Chen!”

As soon as the Sword Emperor said that, the surrounding space immediately began to change. As the power of space slowly spread, the experts from the Divine Palace of Grand Heaven all vanished.

The Sword Emperor vanished with them too.

Immediately, the Primordial realm experts hovering above Sword Emperor city all vanished.

In the courtyard owned by the Xia Merchant Union, Jian Chen sat on the stone seat in the pavilion with his legs crossed. In front of him, the Primordial realm experts from the Divine Palace of Grand Heaven stood with ugly expressions.

The Sword Emperor was also present in the pavilion.

All of them had been forcibly shifted over here by Laws of Space that were too powerful to resist.

Before the Laws of Space, even the old man with the cultivation of an Eighth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime could not offer up any resistance.

“Sir, who are you?” The old man stared at Jian Chen with a sunken expression. His eyes were filled with great caution and shock.

That was because right now, all of the experts from the Divine Palace of Grand Heaven had been trapped by a power of space that they could not resist. They were completely immobilised.

The person who managed that definitely was not some ordinary Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime. It was extremely likely for the person before them to be on par with heavenly kings!

“I am Jian Chen! I have a proposal for you fellows from the Divine Palace of Grand Heaven. Don’t interfere with what Sword Emperor city does, as I’ve promised the Sword Emperor that I’ll ensure that

Sword Emperor city will emerge from this storm unscathed.” Jian Chen smiled. He said it was a proposal, but he did not give them any chance to strike a compromise. He was essentially ordering them.

“The Peace region is in chaos right now. All of the rules have been broken. No organisation can distance themselves from this. Fellow, your actions will offend rulers. Once the rulers are displeased, even someone on par with heavenly kings like you will face a horrible fate,” the old man said.

“That’s a matter of the future. Let’s deal with matters of the future in the future. Let’s focus on the present for now.” Jian Chen looked at the Eighth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime and smiled gently. “Right now, the thing that troubles your Jade Centre Domain and Grand Heaven Domain the most is the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King without a doubt. Why don’t we make a deal?”

“If the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King interferes, I’ll be responsible for holding him at bay, so you can focus on dealing with the Scarlet Blood Domain without any distractions.”

When they heard that, the Primordial realm experts narrowed their eyes. The old man said, “And what do you want from us?”

“I want all of the Lifesoul Flowers from your Grand Heaven Domain and Jade Centre Domain!”

Chapter 3314: Stalemate

The warfare in the Peace region lasted for half a year. Without the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King, the Scarlet Blood Domain struggled to hold off the Jade Centre Domain and the Grand Heaven Domain.

But despite that, the Scarlet Blood Domain did not retreat from the Peace region so easily either. In the end, they began to withdraw their forces, concentrating all of their strength on defending a single city, engaging the Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Centre Domain in a lengthy stalemate through the defences of formations.

In short, after half a year of fighting, it finally came to a close. Everything gradually settled down.

Life Emperor city had now become the Scarlet Blood Domain’s final stronghold in the Peace region.

The Life Emperor was already dead, having been slain by the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King, while the entire Life Emperor city had fallen under the control of the Scarlet Blood Domain.

Over Life Emperor city was a blood-red barrier, encasing the entire place.

This was an extremely powerful formation from the Scarlet Blood Domain. Under the combined efforts from all their experts, the formation’s might was pushed to the limit, stopping all the experts from the Jade Centre Domain and the Grand Heaven Domain.

Several divine halls hovered outside Life Emperor city, surrounding the place. Many experts from the Jade Centre Domain and Grand Heaven Domain gathered in each divine hall. There were even some experts from the Peace region forcefully enlisted to participate.

At this moment, over thirty Primordial realm experts gathered in an imposing hall in Life Emperor city. Their strength varied, where the weakest were only First Heavenly Layer Infinite Primes, while the strongest was at the Ninth Heavenly Layer.

However, more than half of them possessed disorderly presences with their faces a sickly white. Clearly, they were all injured.

Half of these Primordial realm experts originated from the Scarlet Blood Domain, while the remaining half belonged to the imperial cities of the Peace region.

The Peace region also possessed some Infinite Primes. Apart from the nine imperial cities and the three merchant unions, there were many powerful organisations with Primordial realm experts.

“Why hasn’t the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King appeared yet? If he still doesn’t appear, then our operation this time will end in complete failure,” a Primordial realm expert from the Scarlet Blood Domain said sternly. His expression was ugly as he looked towards the leading old man, a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime.

At this moment, the Ninth Heavenly Layer old man’s face was sunken. He said sternly, “I’ve contacted the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King numerous times, but I haven’t received any reply. I don’t know where he is right now either.”

“Hmph. The three rulers are currently all out at sea. The strength in the mainland is suffering from a severe vacuum. We’ve only become the strongest because of the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King. This was all planned by the Blood Slaughter ruler. It would be a perfect opportunity for us to conquer the Peace region. But now, because of the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King, all of our efforts have almost gone to waste. The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King has ruined the ruler’s plans,” said an elder of the Scarlet Blood Domain below grimly. His eyes were filled with undisguised fury.

The strongest Primordial realm expert seated there snorted coldly. “Regardless, this is all the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King’s fault. Because of him, not only has the ruler’s plan failed, but we’ve even suffered heavy losses too. Once the ruler returns, he’ll get his punishment.”

“But what do we do now, demonic elder?” one of the local Infinite Primes looked towards the old man and asked with worry.

“What else can we do? We hold on! We hold on until the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King appears or until the ruler returns. Since our Scarlet Blood Domain has already taken this step, we can’t withdraw from here so easily.”

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At this moment, in an extremely remote and ancient mountain range within the Scarlet Blood Domain, a middle-aged man sat on a colossal boulder with his eyes shut. The power of laws circulated around him as he used the special characteristics of his laws to heal.

The middle-aged man was one of the nine heavenly kings, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King.

But right now, he had lost all of his previous might. Not only were his clothes dyed red, who knew where the crown on his head had gone too. His long hair draped down on his shoulders messily.

Spurt! Suddenly, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King who was tending to his injuries shuddered and blood sprayed from his mouth. His face was pale and extremely haggard.

“What powerful Laws of the Sword. Just the wisp of sword Qi lingering in my body is so powerful, such that I can’t destroy it in a short amount of time.” The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King opened his eyes slowly. He seemed extremely feeble, but he was grim.

In a daze, he seemed to think of something as deep fear appeared in his eyes. “I never thought that the Wood Spirits World would produce a fourth ruler. But who exactly is he? Why do I know nothing about him at all? It’s as if he appeared out of nowhere.”

“It’s just absolutely horrible that he’s actually taken my ancestral imprint. That’s an ancestral imprint. Without the ancestral imprint, how am I any different from a regular Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime?”

As soon as he thought of his lost ancestral imprint, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King’s face became rather twisted. He refused to accept this.

Even though he had escaped with his life, he did not dare to appear before anyone right now. His injuries were very heavy, so heavy that he struggled to hide it. It was very easy for people to tell at first glance.

Once others learned that he had lost his ancestral imprint, he would lose the honour and status that came with being a heavenly king.

“No, I have to retrieve my ancestral imprint. I can’t afford to lose my ancestral imprint, much less be chased off my throne as a heavenly king.” Suddenly, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King made a decision. He gave up on healing and left the Scarlet Blood Domain, erasing his presence and making his way towards Sword Emperor city silently.

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He did indeed drift out of there. His legs had turned to stone, so he was stuck in a seated position. He was no longer able to walk like a regular person. If he wanted to move around, he had to use the power of laws.

But fortunately, he possessed great mastery over the Laws of Space. He only needed to adjust the space around him slightly to go wherever he wanted.

“Around half of the cracks in my soul have been healed. Two strands of Profound Sword Qi have appeared too. However, I can feel that these cracks will become more difficult to heal as I go.” Jian Chen sighed inside. Now, he had basically gathered half of all the Lifesoul Flowers in the entire Wood Spirits World, but at this rate, even if he obtained the remaining half, they probably would not be enough for him to completely recover.

The healing process became more difficult the further he progressed. Not only did the Lifesoul Flowers he require multiply, but it would take even longer time too.

“Senior, you’ve emerged?” Bai Yurou stood outside the secret room waiting the entire time. As soon as she saw Jian Chen, she immediately bowed towards him politely.

“Yurou, you don’t have to spend all your time waiting here. Go do what you need to do.” Jian Chen smiled faintly towards Bai Yurou.

“I am unable to pay back senior’s great kindness. Senior also happens to be lacking some people around you, so let me serve you,” Bai Yurou said politely. Her voice was filled with sincerity.

From Death Valley to White Emperor city, Jian Chen had saved them numerous times, which filled Bai Yurou with gratitude towards Jian Chen.

“Please don’t turn me down, senior, or I won’t be able to find any peace with myself.” Bai Yurou bowed deeply towards Jian Chen.

After a short moment of hesitation, Jian Chen ended up sighing and saying, “Since you insist, then so be it. Go and find me a wheelchair.”

Very soon, Bai Yurou returned with a wheelchair. Jian Chen stopped levitating in the air with the Laws of Space. He directly sat down on the wheelchair and allowed Bai Yurou to push him.

Very soon, Bai Yurou pushed the wheelchair over to the side of a small lake. Jian Chen sat on the wheelchair and stared at the fish in the water in a daze.

“Your White Emperor clan has also been drawn into this conflict. Haven’t you considered helping out the clan you once belonged to?” Jian Chen suddenly asked.

Bai Yurou’s expression became mixed. She said softly, “Great-grandfather is already dead. He died to one of our own. Even we almost died to one of our own. I’ve completely given up on this clan already.”

“Only ancestor Yan and ancestor Zong’s factions remain in White Emperor city. The fate of their factions no longer have anything to do with our White Emperor’s faction.”

“It’s very easy for you to reach the Primordial realm with your talent, so you can actually take charge of White Emperor city again,” said Jian Chen.

“In senior’s eyes, the shackles holding back a Godking from reaching the Primordial realm is obviously nothing, but to me, breaking through them is anything but easy.” Bai Yurou sighed gently.

“You’ve already helped me enough, senior. You’ve even provided our White Emperor’s faction with a safe place in this chaotic world. Our faction is incapable of paying you back, so I would never trouble senior any further, much less propose any other requests.”

“It’s fate that we met, and you helped me out in the past too. I didn’t need your help, but this sentiment is still present, so what’s wrong with me helping you out today? It’s nothing to me anyway,” said Jian Chen.

Bai Yurou showed no joy. She seemed to think of something. Her face was filled with worry as she said sternly, “Senior, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King isn’t that easy to handle. The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King won’t spare me. You can’t completely offend the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King because of me.”

Even now, Bai Yurou could not forget about Jian Chen's clash with the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King. She failed to make out many of the precise details due to her limited cultivation, but she did know that the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King had managed to escape unscathed in the end.

However, Jian Chen had suffered extremely heavy injuries.

As a result, it seemed like Jian Chen could hold his ground against the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King, but he definitely was not the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King's opponent in actual battle.

Chapter 3315: The Heavenly King's Request

"The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King, is it?" Jian Chen could not help but smile mysteriously when he heard Bai Yurou mention the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King.

Back then, when his soul had only recovered by a tiny bit, he was already capable of killing the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King if he paid a certain price, let alone now when almost half of his soul had healed. His strength had increased drastically compared to before.

To him now, the heavenly kings of the Wood Spirits World were nothing. Only the three rulers that stood above and controlled the entire Wood Spirits World were capable of serving as his opponent.

Suddenly, Jian Chen's expression changed. He turned towards the distant horizon and said to himself, "We've only just mentioned him. I didn't think he'd actually come to Sword Emperor city."

In the distance, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King soared through the sky, heading directly towards Sword Emperor city.

He had already changed into a fresh, clean set of white robes with a crown on his head. Apart from being a little pale, he seemed no different from usual.

He completely concealed his presence, entering Sword Emperor city extremely discreetly. In the end, he appeared before Jian Chen.

Bai Yurou standing behind Jian Chen and pushing the wheelchair obviously noticed the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King immediately. Her expression changed drastically, and she glanced at Jian Chen in the wheelchair subconsciously. She became extremely stern.

She did not know if Jian Chen could stop the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King this time.

However, what happened next took Bai Yurou by complete surprise. As soon as the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King appeared, he cupped his fist and bowed deeply towards Jian Chen. He said solemnly, "Greetings, senior. Before, I was ignorant in my actions. I had no intentions of causing you any offence. Please forgive me, senior!"

At that moment, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King did not demonstrate any of his pride as a heavenly king. He spoke very modestly, his voice filled with respect.

The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King's actions left Bai Yurou dumbfounded. She stared at him blankly. Her mind had stopped working.

Who was the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King? He was one of the nine heavenly kings of the Wood Spirits World, a peak figure only second to the three rulers. He could summon storms at the flick of his hand in the Wood Spirits World.

Yet right now, the lofty Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King was behaving like this, which completely overturned Bai Yurou's understanding of the nine heavenly kings.

"Why have you come to find me?" Jian Chen said indifferently.

The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King paused for a moment before almost pleading with him. "I hope you could return my ancestral imprint. In return, I'm willing to follow senior and serve you like a horse."

With a flip of Jian Chen's hand, the ancestral imprint immediately appeared and produced a ripple of laws. It was extremely profound. It seemed to resonate with the green sun in the distant sky.

Gazing at the ancestral imprint in Jian Chen's possession, Bai Yurou's eyes suddenly narrowed. She was in disbelief as her heart churned violently.

When she saw the ancestral imprint and connected it with what the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King had said, how could she still not understand that Jian Chen had actually taken the ancestral imprint from the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King by force?

Gazing at the figure in the wheelchair, Bai Yurou could not become any more shocked.

He was a mighty heavenly king, possessing unparalleled battle prowess, yet his ancestral imprint had been taken away from him. That rarely ever happened in the history of the Wood Spirits World.

Staring at the ancestral imprint in Jian Chen's hand, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King's eyes burned with desire. He had already grown accustomed to the glory and honour that came with being a heavenly king. He did not want to lose it. As a result, he could not afford to lose the ancestral imprint.

Once he lost the ancestral imprint, his status would plummet, and it would basically be impossible for him to rise up again. Even the Blood Slaughter Ruler of the Scarlet Blood Domain would give up on him.

Of course, the most important reason was he had feuds with far too many people in the Wood Spirits World. If he remained a heavenly king, obviously none of them could do anything about him.

However, once he lost that status and power, he would probably have nowhere to go anymore.

"The ancestral imprint still serves some purpose to me, so I can't give it to you," Jian Chen fiddled around with the ancestral imprint and said indifferently.

The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King's expression changed as he began to panic. "Senior, I'm willing to do anything for you. I'm willing to work like a dog for you. I only hope that you can return the ancestral imprint to me. Moreover, with your exceptional cultivation, a mere ancestral imprint won't be particularly useful to you."

Bai Yurou immediately stiffened. Her hand on the wheelchair began to tremble uncontrollably. The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King's words left her quite frightened.

She originally thought Jian Chen was only on par with heavenly kings, with still a slight difference between him and true heavenly kings.

She had never thought that Jian Chen was so powerful that even an expert like the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King would describe it as exceptional.

“When I spared your life back then, that was already the greatest mercy I showed you. I can’t give you the ancestral imprint. You should go.” Jian Chen turned him down without any hesitation.

“Senior.”

The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King wanted to try a little more, but Jian Chen ended up waving his hand. The Laws of Space flashed past, directly transporting the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King outside Sword Emperor city.

“Senior, a-are you a ruler?” Bai Yurou asked with a trembling voice after the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King had vanished.

“Ruler? If Chaotic Primes are rulers, then I should count as one,” Jian Chen said in thought.

Bai Yurou shuddered when she heard that. The shock lingered in her heart without vanishing. A ruler. A ruler! The person in trouble they casually helped out back then in Death Valley was actually a lofty ruler of the Wood Spirits World!

“Go call over Chu Tianxing and the other kids like Bai Yueye. I’ll help you increase your strength,” said Jian Chen.

Very soon, Bai Yurou called over Chu Tianxing, Bai Yueye, Bai Changlin, Bai Ziyi, Bai Xiaolan, and Bai Changqing. At this moment, they all stood in front of Jian Chen politely, so nervous that they held their breaths.

In particular, Bai Changlin, who had not been particularly friendly to Jian Chen before, felt extremely uneasy inside.

Jian Chen sat on the stone seat and personally made Comprehension Tea for them.

After almost half of the cracks in his soul had healed, it was no longer as difficult for him to open the space in his soul anymore. He could retrieve many of the resources he had stored inside.

“Bai Ziyi, Bai Xiaolan, Bai Changqing, Bai Changlin, you were the first people I met in Death Valley. It’s fate that we met. Today, I’ll bestow you with a slight fortune.” Jian Chen passed the first grade God Tier Comprehension Tea he had just made to the four of them.

“Thank you, senior!” The four of them thanked him together and drank the tea before beginning to meditate, entering a state of cultivation.

Afterwards, Jian Chen began to make a second pot of Comprehension Tea. This time, he used two third grade God Tier Comprehension Tea leaves before sharing the tea evenly between Bai Yurou, Chu Tianxing, and Bai Yueye.

In the end, he took out three Violet Cloud Peaches and placed them before them. "This cup of tea is enough for you to break through."

"Drink the tea first, then eat the peach!"

Before long, several powerful presences emanated out. Everyone who drank the tea broke through. Bai Ziyi and the others all progressed by a minor realm of cultivation.

Meanwhile, Bai Yueye, who drank the third grade God Tier Comprehension Tea, reached Godking in a single step. Chu Tianxing went from mid Godking to peak Godking as well.

Several days later, everyone roused and thanked Jian Chen before leaving. In the end, only Bai Yurou remained there cultivating.

"Your talent is impressive and your foundations are firm. You've remained at peak Godking for quite some time too, so you should be able to reach the Primordial realm this time." Seeing how Bai Yurou was still cultivating, Jian Chen casually set down a spatial barrier and left.

Jian Chen returned to his room and thought about the path ahead of him, "There are some heavenly resources with Xuanhuang Qi that can heal my soul in the space in my soul, but I've already found Lifesoul Flowers as a replacement. It'll be too wasteful if I continue my recovery through the heavenly resources from the Xuanhuang Microcosm. After all, I'm not going to be able to replenish them. They can save my life at crucial moments. Their value should be used in better ways."

"I won't be facing any danger from the external world for now in the Wood Spirits World, and I'm not in a hurry either, so it's completely possible for me to gather Lifesoul Flowers slowly and nourish my soul. With that, I'll be able to save a great number of heavenly resources with Xuanhuang Qi."

"Aside from that, I need to spend some time studying the sovereign god artifact here. I need to see exactly how I can subdue it. As a result, I won't be leaving here immediately even if my soul heals soon."

"Yeah. With half of the power of my soul and two strands of Profound Sword Qi, I no longer fear the three rulers of the Wood Spirits World anymore." Jian Chen smiled gently before releasing the power of his soul and enveloping the Sword Emperor's estate. "Sword Emperor, I require ancient records regarding everything. Help me gather some. The more complete, the better."

Chapter 3316: Steamed Inner Core

In the Sword Emperor clan, the Sword Emperor sat in his study. There were many jade slips placed out before him, not only detailing the entire process of the Peace region's formation, but also various incidents reported up to him from the various towns and cities under his control.

Suddenly, Jian Chen's message directly drifted into the Sword Emperor's ear. When he learnt of Jian Chen's request, the Sword Emperor immediately became slightly surprised.

Despite being puzzled, the Sword Emperor did not dare to reject Jian Chen's request. He immediately placed down the jade slip in his hand and personally went off to handle the matter for Jian Chen.

As one of the nine existences that reigned over the Peace region, Sword Emperor city collected an extremely tremendous amount of information, far more than the Xia Merchant Union.

Very soon, the Sword Emperor personally delivered several dozen jade slips to Jian Chen.

Each jade slip recorded an extremely vast amount of information, detailing all sorts of things. Maybe they did not describe everything available in the Wood Spirits World, but they came close.

Jian Chen picked up these jade slips and began browsing through them. He was not interested in any information regarding the Wood Spirits. His true objective was finding a way to heal his physical injuries.

After all, his physical injuries were different. He had been injured by the laws of this world. These injuries would never appear on Wood Spirits. It only ever appeared on foreigners.

However, he had no plans on exposing his true identity just yet, as he was not certain whether the Wood Spirits would exclude him. Once they developed a thought like that, he would probably become a public enemy of this world immediately.

He did not fear that, but it would lead to a lot of unnecessary trouble. Some unexpected incidents might even occur.

After all, there was a sovereign god artifact in the Wood Spirits World. Jian Chen remained fearful about it.

As a result, he was ready to keep his identity hidden, but if he wanted to keep his identity hidden, then he obviously could not let others find out about his physical injuries.

Lifesoul Flowers healed the soul. It was impossible for others to detect the injuries to his soul.

However, his physical wounds were different.

He could hide his physical wounds from weaker people, but Infinite Primes would detect something fishy very soon if they paid close attention.

As a result, he could only rely on himself to find the item in this world that could eliminate the power of laws on his body.

“Ancestral sacred fruit. With the ancestral god artifact as a medium, it is condensed from the endless presence of life in the Wood Spirits World. Once ingested, not only does it lead to a drastic increase in strength, but it also becomes easier to comprehend the Laws of Wood and the Laws of Life. It possesses wondrous healing properties too, capable of treating all wounds.”

“Ancestral sacred springwater. It is also produced by the ancestral god artifact and possesses extremely powerful healing properties.”

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Very soon, Jian Chen found several items with healing properties from the jade slips, but none of them were produced naturally. They were all created by the sovereign god artifact of the Wood Spirits.

And without any exception, all of these items were extremely rare, appearing once every several millennia. Even the three rulers did not possess them. They only existed in legends.

Jian Chen continued to browse through the jade slips and did not let any piece of information slip past his attention. He used three whole days to read through all the jade slips that the Sword Emperor had delivered over.

The information in the jade slips was indeed much more plentiful compared to what the Xia Merchant Union had provided him with. Through these jade slips, Jian Chen gained an extremely deep understanding about the entire Wood Spirits World. He truly knew it all.

From these jade slips alone, he learnt of several thousand items that could heal injuries. He gained some understanding regarding the various ancient techniques and wondrous secret techniques too.

“Ancestral imprints can also heal wounds, and their effects are only second to these sacred items produced by the sovereign god artifact. However, this ancestral imprint has been useless to my injuries.”

“Apart from that, none of the heavenly resources recorded in the jade slips are actually of any use to my body.” Jian Chen sighed gently. With his soul half-healed, he could already make some simple deductions.

As a result, whenever he read about a heavenly resource, he would use the description of the heavenly resource in the jade slip to make some simple deductions and learn about their effects.

However, it all ended up in failure. He could not find anything that was effective.

“Heavenly resources don’t work, so let’s try the spiritual beasts in this world. The spiritual beasts of this world also contain a tremendous amount of life force. The Wood Spirits frequently ingest their flesh or inner cores and even gather certain parts to refine pills.”

With that thought, Jian Chen immediately contacted Xia Jianming. Very soon, Xia Jianming organised a bountiful feast for Jian Chen. It had various kinds of delicious food made from spiritual beasts.

Immediately, the entire table wafted with a heavy aura of life.

These delicacies were not food that any regular person could enjoy.

However, when Jian Chen ingested them, he discovered that while these delicacies possessed healing properties, they were useless to his injuries.

“Master, there’s one more dish, but it needs three days before it’s done,” Xia Jianming said in a hurry once he saw how Jian Chen was dissatisfied. “The last dish is steamed inner core. However, because inner cores contain powerful energy, they’re extremely troublesome to prepare. Normally, they require five Godkings working together to prepare an Overgod spiritual beast’s inner core.”

“Steamed inner core?” Jian Chen was surprised when he heard that. In regular cuisines, there were many foods that were steamed, but this was the first time he had heard that inner cores could be steamed too.

Xia Jianming smiled awkwardly and said, “Actually, steam inner cores are rather similar to refining pills. They’ve all been infused with a large number of heavenly resources to pacify the violent energy in the inner cores, leaving it much more mild. It adds many other effects too.”

“The techniques used and the process of preparation is just a little different between the two.”

“Alright then. I’ll wait for three days.” Jian Chen nodded.

Very soon, the three days had elapsed, and the steamed inner core was served up on the table.

This was a dish made from an Overgod spiritual beast’s inner core. Many heavenly resources had been added into it, so it contained great energy. It was a food of great nourishment to Godhood experts.

Jian Chen swallowed the steamed inner core in a single gulp.

But very soon, he quivered, his eyes becoming extremely bright. When he ingested the inner core, he could clearly sense a slight response from the power of laws lingering in his body.

“It’s effective. The inner core of spiritual beasts is effective on my injuries!” Jian Chen immediately beamed with joy. He did not know whether it was because the inner core was steamed, or it was because of the inner core itself. However, he did know that this could eliminate the power of laws in his injuries.

“However, the inner cores of Overgods are far too low in quality. It can lead to a response, but it can’t let me heal. As a result, I need higher quality inner cores.”

“However, higher quality inner cores are also more difficult to prepare.” Jian Chen frowned. He said, “Xia Jianming, go and retrieve a Godking spiritual beast’s inner core for me.”

“Master, I have one on me right now!” With a flip of his hand, a thumb-sized inner core immediately appeared.

Jian Chen directly swallowed the inner core. When it reached his belly, a violet energy exploded. However, an inner core of such a level was still nothing to Jian Chen. It could not influence his Chaotic Body at all.

However, Jian Chen began to shake uncontrollably. The power of laws lingering in his body responded again.

And because he had ingested the inner core of a Godking spiritual beast this time, the response was much more intense compared to last time.

However, if he wanted to cleanse the power of laws, Godking inner cores were still nowhere near sufficient.

“They don’t need any preparation. Just the inner cores themselves can remove the power of laws from my body.” Jian Chen’s eyes lit up. He immediately found his future direction. “I need the inner cores of Primordial realm sacred beasts at the very least. Even Infinite Primes might not be enough. The best would be the inner cores of Chaotic Primes.”

Chapter 3317: The Demonic Dragon Ruler

In the Wood Spirits Beast, those beneath the Primordial realm were normally referred to as spiritual beasts.

Those at the Primordial realm were called sacred beasts.

However, as soon as he thought of Chaotic Prime sacred beasts, Jian Chen frowned again.

Through the Sword Emperor and the Xia Merchant Union, he had already gained a deep enough understanding of the Wood Spirits World. There were many Infinite Primes in the Wood Spirits World, several hundred at the very least.

But among all these Infinite Primes, there were only nine heavenly kings!

In the entire Wood Spirits World, there were only three rulers, or in other words, Chaotic Primes!

They happened to be the Heaven Fighting Ruler of the Grand Heaven Domain, the Jade Heaven Ruler of the Jade Centre Domain, and the Blood Slaughter Ruler of the Scarlet Blood Domain.

Of course, those were only the Wood Spirits.

Apart from the Wood Spirits, there were many spiritual beasts and sacred beasts too. The two races were hostile to one another, constantly killing and devouring one another. They were natural enemies.

And in the records of the Wood Spirits, there was only one among all these sacred beasts that had reached Chaotic Prime.

That was the Demonic Dragon Ruler that presided far out at sea!

“The entire Wood Spirits World only has one sacred beast that has reached Chaotic Prime. It seems like if I want to recover from my physical injuries, I’ll have to try it out.” Jian Chen sighed gently. He did not know whether a single Chaotic Prime sacred beast was enough for him to completely recover.

At this moment, a powerful presence appeared in the courtyard. Under Jian Chen’s assistance, Bai Yurou had successfully reached the Primordial realm.

With her talent, reaching the Primordial realm had never been a particularly difficult task. Jian Chen had merely allowed her to save many years with her breakthrough.

With a thought, a spatial barrier immediately appeared, isolating Bai Yurou’s presence and allowing her to complete her breakthrough silently, without disturbing anyone.

Before long, Bai Yurou completed her breakthrough. She immediately arrived before Jian Chen and thanked him gratefully.

“You’ve only just reached the Primordial realm. You need to consolidate your cultivation, so stay here for the next few days. If there isn’t anything important, don’t head out. I need to leave here for a few days,” Jian Chen said to Bai Yurou.

“Senior, it’s difficult for you to move about, so let me accompany you,” Bai Yurou said politely.

“That won’t be necessary. The place I’m going to is very dangerous. My strength hasn’t recovered completely, so I can’t ensure your safety,” Jian Chen said before calling over Xia Jianming.

Over the recent months, Xia Jianming had temporarily shut down all the businesses in the eight other imperial cities due to the warfare in the Peace region. He remained in Sword Emperor city the entire time, awaiting any orders from Jian Chen.

“This jade talisman possesses an imprint of my soul. If you encounter any problems when I’m gone, crush the jade talisman and I’ll rush right back.” Jian Chen handed a jade talisman over to Xia Jianming.

“Yes, master!”

The wheelchair suddenly became empty. Jian Chen had vanished, leaving through the Laws of Space.

In a single movement, Jian Chen covered several tens of thousand kilometres, making his way past the range of influence of several imperial cities instantly.

Through the Laws of Space, he moved extremely quickly.

And this was under the circumstances where his strength had not completely recovered. If his Laws of Space returned to their peak, he moved no slower than a Grand Prime.

Even regular Grand Primes that had only broken through recently would pale in comparison.

In just five seconds, Jian Chen had covered over a hundred million kilometres. He had already left the Peace region, passing through the Grand Heaven Domain and arriving over the vast ocean.

The ocean in the Wood Spirits World was extremely large, occupying three quarters of the total surface area. Even with the Grand Heaven Domain, the Jade Centre Domain, the Scarlet Blood Domain, and the Peace region combined, it did not even come close to half its size.

The ocean was a forbidden zone where danger lurked around every corner to the Wood Spirits, as many spiritual beasts and sacred beasts thrived there. They were no less populous than the Wood Spirits.

And the further they ventured, the more dangerous it would be. Even some Infinite Primes of the Wood Spirits would not enter there without good reason.

It was even rumoured that heavenly kings could be in danger of perishing in the depths of the ocean.

However, all of the dangers here were basically non-existent to Jian Chen. He levitated in the air in the same seated position, covering his petrified legs with his large robes. As the Laws of Space pushed around him, he vanished like he had teleported away.

With each flash, he would cover several tens of million kilometres. He approached the demonic island in the depths of the ocean with speed that would even shock the three rulers of the Wood Spirits World.

From the jade slips provided by the Sword Emperor, he knew the exact location of the demonic island.

At this moment, a giant island floated in the very depths of the ocean.

It was better described as a continent than an island because it was far too large. It was equivalent to the Peace region in size, spanning several thousand kilometres in both width and breadth.

This was the demonic island!

But at this moment, there was a great battle unfolding on the demonic island. Powerful energies clashed, producing deafening booms.

Many Primordial realm experts of the Wood Spirits engaged in a battle to the death with a great group of spiritual beasts and sacred beasts on the island. The battle impacted the entire island.

It was not just the demonic island. Even the ocean around the demonic island was filled with signs of battle. The sea water had been dyed blood-red.

These experts of the Wood Spirits came from the Jade Centre Domain, Grand Heaven Domain, and the Scarlet Blood Domain.

Under the command of the three rulers, there were over three hundred Infinite Primes. They engaged in a devastating battle against the spiritual beasts and sacred beasts. The terrifying energy rampaged through the surroundings, lifting colossal waves in the nearby ocean.

Over eighty percent of the experts under the three rulers' command were present.

The battle here was intense, but it still paled in comparison to the clashes on the centre of the island.

At the centre, an entire mountain range had already been destroyed. Many colossal pits appeared on the ground as four figures pulsed with tremendous energy above the mountain range, clashing in the most intense fashion.

The four of them were all Chaotic Primes.

Three of them were the Jade Heaven Ruler, the Heaven Fighting Ruler, and the Blood Slaughter Ruler.

Fighting against them was a two-headed serpent dragon three thousand metres in length.

The two-headed serpent dragon was the Demonic Dragon Ruler of the demonic island!

The Demonic Dragon Ruler fought against the three of them at once and managed to reach a stalemate.

The Demonic Dragon Ruler was already covered in many horrifying gashes. Each wound was terrifying, reaching as deep as its bones.

However, none of these wounds would remain on it for too long. It possessed extremely terrifying regeneration, such that all of the injuries closed up at a visible rate.

However, the attacks from the three rulers were very intense, such that new wounds appeared as soon as the old ones healed. As a result, he was in a constant state of getting injured and healing.

Chapter 3318: Spectating the Battle

However, the Heaven Fighting Ruler, Jade Heaven Ruler, and Blood Slaughter Ruler that faced off against the Demonic Dragon Ruler were in no better shape either. Even though the three of them worked together against the Demonic Dragon Ruler, they were still covered with wounds from the battle.

At this moment, the three rulers who usually enjoyed paramount status in the Wood Spirits World were all bloodied. They were covered in all sorts of injuries, which was a frightening sight to behold.

However, due to the special characteristics of Wood Spirits, they were naturally endowed with unimaginable regeneration. No matter how heavily injured they were, they would always be able to recover in the fastest way possible.

As a result, they were no different from the Demonic Dragon Ruler. They seemed to be covered in injuries, but they were actually constantly healing.

The battle between the three rulers and the Demonic Dragon Ruler had already lasted for several years. Neither side could defeat the other, so they were stuck together in battle.

During this time, the three rulers had ingested many God Tier pills to recover their strength.

Whether it was the three of them or the Demonic Dragon Ruler, they would exhaust a large amount of their energy whenever they were injured.

The three rulers brought God Tier pills for recovery, so their energy remained full the entire time.

Meanwhile, the Demonic Dragon Ruler could only recover through absorbing the origin energy in the surroundings.

The Demonic Dragon Ruler's cultivation was much more pure than the three rulers, but less than half of its full energy remained after several years of exhaustion.

"It's about time. Jade Heaven, Heaven Fighting, stop holding back. Use your full strength and kill the demonic dragon as quickly as possible," the Blood Slaughter Ruler called out at this moment.

With that, his presence suddenly rose as the energy in his body swept out like a tidal wave, stirring up the surroundings.

At the same time, five ancestral imprints appeared over the Blood Slaughter Ruler's head, shining with blinding light and resonating with the green sun in the sky.

After unleashing the five ancestral imprints, the Blood Slaughter Ruler's presence visibly climbed to another level.

"Space-splitting Strike!" the Blood Slaughter Ruler bellowed out. The god artifact sword in his hand immediately radiated with a pressure of the world. As he slashed out, his sword produced a beam of light several thousand metres across, slamming against one of the Demonic Dragon Ruler's heads.

Boom!

With a devastating rumble, a third of the Demonic Dragon Ruler's head was immediately obliterated. However, its other head opened its gaping mouth and lunged towards the Blood Slaughter Ruler.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler retreated in a hurry, but a good part of his body was still bitten by the Demonic Dragon Ruler, tearing off a chunk of flesh.

But very soon, the flesh began to regrow at a visible rate.

After using the ancestral imprint, not only did the Blood Slaughter Ruler's battle prowess increase, but even his regenerative abilities climbed to a new height.

At the same time, the Jade Heaven Ruler and the Heaven Fighting Ruler struck with their full strength as well. Five ancestral imprints also appeared over each of their heads. They each wielded a god artifact sword, also unleashing God Tier Battle Skills at the Demonic Dragon Ruler's injured head.

Bang!

Blood immediately exploded in the air. Under the combined attacks of the three rulers, the Demonic Dragon Ruler's head was smashed to pieces.

At the same time, the Demonic Dragon Ruler's tail sliced through the air, slamming against the Jade Heaven Ruler and Heaven Fighting Ruler with terrifying energy. They were launched away while spurting with blood. Their chests caved in while their organs were crushed.

The five ancestral imprints in their possession could connect with the sovereign god artifact of the Wood Spirits. The green sun in the sky produced wisps of life force, allowing their injuries to heal at a terrifying rate.

Powerful energy surged out from the Demonic Dragon Ruler's body too, possessing a terrifying life force. Its head that the three rulers had shattered began to regrow.

Losing one head was not enough to kill it.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler, the Jade Heaven Ruler, and the Heaven Fighting Ruler were not surprised by this, as they were aware that they had to obliterate both of its heads if they wanted to kill the Demonic Dragon Ruler.

Otherwise, they had to deplete the Demonic Dragon Ruler's life force so that it could not regenerate anymore.

Without the support of God Tier pills, the Demonic Dragon Ruler was not their opponent in a prolonged battle.

Afterwards, the Heaven Fighting Ruler, Jade Heaven Ruler, and Blood Slaughter Ruler continued with their attacks. They did not hold back at all with each time, unleashing God Tier Battle Skills endlessly.

The battle between them immediately entered the most intense phase.

More and more injuries appeared on the Demonic Dragon Ruler's body. Under the three rulers' coordination, its head was shattered several times, but they were simply incapable of destroying both heads at the same time with their current strength.

The three rulers had paid a hefty price too. With this intense clash, the three rulers all became pale-white, giving off a sense of haggardness. They were injuring the Demonic Dragon Ruler at the cost of wounds to themselves.

They ingested the God Tier pills like candy, such that the energy in their bodies remained at full capacity the entire time.

Meanwhile, the Demonic Dragon Ruler clearly could not hold on for much longer with that intense clash. The life force in its body rapidly bled away as the rate at which it healed gradually slowed.

Without God Tier pills to recover, it finally began to show signs of exhaustion after fighting for so long.

The four fighting Chaotic Primes failed to notice a young man seated on a mountain in white robes. He was thousands of kilometres away, watching their intense battle from afar.

The young man was Jian Chen!

“Among the three rulers of the Wood Spirits World, the Heaven Fighting Ruler is the weakest, at the peak of the First Heavenly Layer of Chaotic Prime. The Jade Heaven Ruler and the Blood Slaughter Ruler are both at the Second Heavenly Layer.”

“But as it seems, both of them have only reached the Second Heavenly Layer recently, which is why the difference between the Heaven Fighting Ruler and them is not as great as it seems, even if he’s weaker than them.”

“However, the three of them are all in possession of five ancestral imprints. These ancestral imprints have increased their strength substantially. Coupled with their extraordinary battle prowess, they can’t be treated as regular Chaotic Primes. As such, both the Jade Heaven Ruler and the Blood Slaughter Ruler are strong enough to challenge Third Heavenly Layer Chaotic Primes.”

“Of course, that’s only challenging. If they’re really up against a Third Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime, the two of them are still lacking slightly.”

“As for the Heaven Fighting Ruler, he might be able to put up a fight against a regular Third Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime just barely.”

“However, when it comes to killing them, probably even a Fourth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime would struggle with that. With five ancestral imprints, they heal far too quickly, even faster than my Chaotic Body. They’re basically unkillable.”

Jian Chen sat on the mountain and completely took note of the three rulers’ strength. His cultivation had fallen and his strength had not recovered, but he still had his insight.

“The Demonic Dragon Ruler on the other hand is at the peak of the Second Heavenly Layer!” Lastly, Jian Chen turned towards the two-headed serpent dragon, his eyes lighting up.

Chapter 3319: Working Together

“So far, the only way I’ve found to heal my physical injuries is through the inner cores of Chaotic Primes. In the entire Wood Spirits World, there’s only the Demonic Dragon Ruler that’s a Chaotic Prime sacred beast.” Jian Chen sank into his thoughts as he watched the battle between the three rulers and the Demonic Dragon Ruler.

He had never thought the three rulers were also after the Demonic Dragon Ruler. In that case, he would be stealing from the tiger’s mouth if he wanted the Demonic Dragon Ruler’s inner core.

“My strength has yet to recover. I stand no chance against the three rulers if I face them in my current state. After all, the three of them have the support of ancestral imprints. They’re capable of challenging those at a higher cultivation realm than them.”

When he thought of that, Jian Chen became rather troubled. Now, the battle between the three rulers and the Demonic Dragon Ruler was already approaching its conclusion. The Demonic Dragon Ruler’s wounds healed more and more slowly. Once it perished, it was as clear as day that its corpse would end up in the hands of the three rulers.

Boom!

With a tremendous rumble, the Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler's God Tier Battle Skills slammed into the Demonic Dragon Ruler at the same time, smashing its colossal body into the ground heavily. The entire earth shook violently.

A terrifying gash three hundred metres across appeared on the Demonic Dragon Ruler's colossal body. Blood spurted out, dyeing the land red.

This time, its wound did not close up immediately. It no longer possessed much energy, which it had to conserve to heal its head.

"Jade Heaven, Heaven Fighting, Blood Slaughter, you will pay a heavy price for your foolish actions. I swear I will bring extinction to you terrestrial beings." The Demonic Dragon Ruler rose up into the air again. At this moment, its presence was haggard and extremely feeble.

When it came to endurance, it was not the three rulers' opponent. After all, they possessed a large quantity of God Tier pills to recover their energy.

"Hahahaha, Demonic Dragon Ruler, you can command all the sacred beasts in the entire ocean—no, not just the ocean. Even all the sacred beasts that lie within our three domains have to listen to your command. If you bring all the sacred beasts from your ocean onto the land, you can indeed deal a devastating blow to our three domains."

"Unfortunately, you no longer possess that right, as it's impossible for you to survive until then." The Blood Slaughter Ruler laughed loudly without any fear.

"Demonic Dragon Ruler, we struggle to rest easy with your existence, which is why the three of us are forced to annihilate you together. With you dead, that'll be one less source of problem for our three domains," the Heaven Fighting Ruler added sternly.

"Demonic dragon, the land and the sea have been fighting for all these years. It's time to settle it once and for all. Without you, the sacred beasts in the vast ocean are just a disunited group." The Jade Heaven Ruler sighed.

"Hahaha, you're getting ahead of yourselves if you think you can completely annihilate me." The Demonic Dragon Ruler sneered. In the next moment, a chant emerged from its mouth.

The chant contained a mysterious power, immediately spreading across the entire ocean and echoing through the air.

In the next moment, an endless amount of essence and life force drifted out from the vast expanse of ocean, all gathering towards the Demonic Dragon Ruler.

The essence and life force originated from the sea beasts in the ocean.

The Demonic Dragon Ruler used a secret technique to devour the essence from all the sea beasts in the ocean to replenish its own.

Immediately, the Demonic Dragon Ruler turned into a colossal swirl of energy. As it absorbed the endless essence and life force, its presence rose at a terrifying rate. Its exhausted energy was rapidly replenished too. Even its wounds all closed up perfectly.

“Oh no! Stop it!” The expressions of the three rulers of the Wood Spirits World changed drastically. They immediately struck out with full force, slamming the Demonic Dragon Ruler with God Tier Battle Skills at the same time.

However, they were still unable to stop the Demonic Dragon Ruler’s recovery.

In under a minute, the Demonic Dragon Ruler returned to its peak condition.

Seeing that, the faces of the three rulers turned ugly. Due to its species, the Demonic Dragon Ruler possessed tremendous reserves of energy, well beyond anything that the Wood Spirits could rival.

As a result, the only way they could come up with to kill the Demonic Dragon Ruler was to exhaust all of its energy so that it could not recover.

They never thought that after consuming so many God Tier pills and finally depleting most of the Demonic Dragon Ruler’s energy after so much difficulty, it would return to its peak condition in the blink of an eye.

That immediately put the three rulers in a tough spot.

“We don’t have many pills left. What do we do now?” The Heaven Fighting Ruler’s face was sunken as he communicated to the Jade Heaven Ruler and the Blood Slaughter Ruler.

The Jade Heaven Ruler and the Blood Slaughter Ruler said nothing. Their faces were similarly sunken.

Their three domains had already gone so far to battle against the ocean. If they could not kill the Demonic Dragon Ruler today, then they would face revenge from the endless spiritual beasts and sacred beasts of the entire ocean.

Against the entire ocean, the three domains were at a disadvantage even if they included the Peace region.

Once the flames of war reached the land, then it would without a doubt be a devastating disaster to their three domains.

The three rulers of the Wood Spirits were stuck in a dilemma now.

“Three rulers, looks like you won’t be able to kill the Demonic Dragon Ruler successfully today.”

Right when the three rulers were at a loss over what to do, a calm voice drifted into their ears.

The three rulers immediately narrowed their eyes with the appearance of the voice. They turned towards the same direction, immediately noticing Jian Chen who spectated the battle from afar.

They immediately frowned. As existences that reigned over the Wood Spirits World, they understood all the experts in the Wood Spirits World without any exaggeration at all, but they did not recognise Jian Chen.

“Who are you?” The Blood Slaughter Ruler’s voice rang out. His voice was cold, questioning him like an interrogation.

"I am Jian Chen. Greetings, three rulers." In the distance, Jian Chen sat atop a mountain. He cupped his fist towards the three rulers and smiled gently. He continued, "If you're unable to kill the Demonic Dragon Ruler, then I can lend you a hand."

"You can deal with the Demonic Dragon Ruler?" the Jade Heaven Ruler asked seriously. Her voice was filled with disbelief.

The Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Blood Slaughter Ruler's eyes flashed, studying Jian Chen closely, but they discovered that he was like a ball of mist. They were completely incapable of identifying his true strength.

"If you want to kill the Demonic Dragon Ruler, you need to destroy both of its heads at the same time in order to claim its life for good. I just happen to know a secret technique that can destroy one of its heads instantly."

"If the three rulers work together and destroy one of the Demonic Dragon Ruler's heads first before I immediately destroy its second head, then it'll definitely perish," said Jian Chen.

"Are you certain you can destroy one of the Demonic Dragon Ruler's heads alone?" the Heaven Fighting Ruler asked.

"You'll know once I try, won't you? It's not like destroying one of its heads is particularly difficult for the three rulers." Jian Chen was composed. He did not show any fear or reverence towards the three rulers. He was completely calm. "Of course, I have a condition. Once we kill the Demonic Dragon Ruler, I want its inner core."

"Alright! If you really can destroy the Demonic Dragon Ruler's second head, then I have no objections with you taking the inner core." The Blood Slaughter Ruler immediately expressed his agreement.

"I agree!"

"I have no problem either!"

The Jade Heaven Ruler and the Heaven Fighting Ruler expressed their agreement. They did not believe him, but they had no other choice right now, so they could only try what they could and hope for the best.

They no longer had a lot of God Tier pills on them. If they could not kill the Demonic Dragon Ruler, the consequences would be severe.

"If that's the case, please go on ahead, rulers. I'll take action as soon as you destroy the first head!" Jian Chen said.

The three rulers looked at one another with that and immediately used their God Tier Battle Skills without any hesitation, launching their strongest attack at one of the Demonic Dragon Ruler's heads.

Boom!

With a rumble, the three rulers' God Tier Battle Skills immediately destroyed one of the Demonic Dragon Ruler's heads. However, the Demonic Dragon Ruler also fought back when they heavily injured it, so they sustained severe injuries at the same time.

No one gained the upper hand in the battle between them and the Demonic Dragon Ruler. It was basically all an exchange of injuries. The three of them were completely incapable of destroying the Demonic Dragon Ruler's second head at the same time.

Tremendous life force immediately surged out from the stump of the Demonic Dragon Ruler's head that had just been destroyed. A new head grew at a visible rate.

The three rulers were launched far away, but they all looked towards Jian Chen in the distance simultaneously as they were forced back. Whether they could destroy the Demonic Dragon Ruler's second head before a new one regrew all came down to this moment.

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However, when the three rulers looked towards Jian Chen, their faces immediately sank. All they saw was Jian Chen seated on the same mountain several thousand kilometres away without a ripple of energy. He seemed like he had absolutely no intentions of taking action.

"Is he toying with us?" the Jade Heaven Ruler thought. She was a female expert and did not seem particularly old. She possessed alluring beauty, but at this moment, a cold light flashed through her beautiful, slender eyes.

"Hmph, if this person is toying with us, I'll be the last to spare him." The Blood Slaughter Ruler's heart became filled with anger. The Demonic Dragon Ruler regenerated very quickly. After destroying its first head, there were only fifteen seconds to kill it for good.

Once this time elapsed and its first head had regrown, all of their efforts would go to waste.

"Hahahaha, I've already returned to my peak condition. Jade Heaven, Blood Slaughter, Heaven Fighting, you don't have a lot of pills left on you, do you? I'd like to see how much longer you last."

"Though, I can tell you that you better keep me busy here forever. Otherwise, once you retreat, I will lead my children across the vast ocean to trample your dry land. I will make your domains flow with blood." The Demonic Dragon Ruler laughed loudly. Its head that had just been shattered by the three rulers was regrowing at a visible rate.

The expressions of the three rulers changed immediately when they heard that. If all the spiritual beasts and sacred beasts in the ocean ventured ashore, the consequences truly would be immeasurable.

"Do it! What are you still waiting for? Didn't you just say you'd destroy the Demonic Dragon Ruler's second head? Why haven't you done anything yet!?" The Heaven Fighting Ruler immediately bellowed at Jian Chen.

None of them believed Jian Chen could actually destroy the Demonic Dragon Ruler's second head, but they were out of options.

"Hmm? You even brought a helper?" The Demonic Dragon Ruler was surprised by the Heaven Fighting Ruler's outburst. He looked behind him and immediately noticed Jian Chen several thousand kilometres away. He sneered. "Unless another three rulers come, you're dreaming if you think you can destroy my second head."

The Demonic Dragon Ruler's voice was extremely loud. It was deafening, clearly reaching Jian Chen several thousand kilometres away.

Jian Chen smiled mysteriously when he heard that. He did not acknowledge the Demonic Dragon Ruler, instead turning towards the Heaven Fighting Ruler and saying calmly, "Don't panic. Destroying its second head only takes a moment!"

"Only takes a moment?" The Heaven Fighting Ruler, the Jade Heaven Ruler, and the Blood Slaughter Ruler all blanked out.

But in the next moment, startling sword Qi suddenly filled the air. With the emergence of the sword Qi, even the Demonic Dragon Ruler's expression changed drastically, together with the three rulers.

The sword Qi was so powerful that the hearts of the four of them all leapt. A great sense of fear rapidly spread through their hearts, occupying their minds.

A tiny strand of sword Qi, only the size of a finger, appeared over Jian Chen's head. It shone with blinding light as terrifying sword Qi swept through the surroundings, obliterating all of the clouds.

Swish!

In the next moment, the sword Qi pierced through the air and shot straight towards the Demonic Dragon Ruler.

The Demonic Dragon Ruler's eyes immediately narrowed, dodging subconsciously, but the sword Qi was unbelievably fast. It seemed to have surpassed time and space, arriving before the Demonic Dragon Ruler instantly.

It was fast, far too fast. Before the sword Qi, the Demonic Dragon Ruler did not even have the time to respond, let alone dodge.

In the end, the Profound Sword Qi bypassed the Demonic Dragon Ruler's energy defences as well as its powerful body, immediately vanishing into its head.

Immediately, the Demonic Dragon Ruler's colossal figure stiffened. All of its actions seemed to freeze up at that moment. The light in the eyes of its remaining head rapidly bled away too.

Shortly afterwards, the Demonic Dragon Ruler's colossal figure entered free fall, slamming into the ground heavily with a thump and filling the air with dust.

The Demonic Dragon Ruler's remaining head was intact, but it was truly dead.

Jian Chen's Profound Sword Qi did not destroy the Demonic Dragon Ruler's head. Instead, it directly erased its soul.

With the Demonic Dragon Ruler's strength at the Second Heavenly Layer of Chaotic Prime, it was completely unable to defend against the Profound Sword Qi.

With the Demonic Dragon Ruler's death, the surroundings immediately fell quiet as if the air had frozen.

At this moment, the three rulers watched on with eyes widened in complete disbelief. Their hearts churned.

The three of them had to work together to destroy one of the Demonic Dragon Ruler's heads, yet the mysterious figure who had suddenly appeared before them only used a single moment to destroy the soul in the Demonic Dragon Ruler's other head.

That left them stunned as they found everything to be so surreal. It was unrealistic.

At this moment, Jian Chen immediately appeared before the Demonic Dragon Ruler with a flash despite being several thousand kilometres away a moment before. He hovered in the air in a seated position with his large robes covering his legs. He stared at the Demonic Dragon Ruler's body down below with shining eyes, exhibiting a rare trace of excitement and anticipation.

He ignored the three stunned rulers and slashed his finger through the air, slicing open the Demonic Dragon Ruler's body with a spatial blade and retrieving its inner core.

Immediately, an inner core the size of a fist appeared in Jian Chen's hand. The life force it gave off was extremely dense, pulsing with great energy.

"Now, I've obtained a Chaotic Prime's inner core." Gazing at the inner core in his hand, Jian Chen smiled gently.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler suddenly appeared before Jian Chen. He stared straight at him and asked sternly, "Sir, who are you exactly?"

Jian Chen shifted his gaze from the inner core to the Blood Slaughter Ruler. The Blood Slaughter Ruler was a middle-aged man. He was dressed in red robes; his body radiated with strength, giving off a powerful presence.

"I'm Jian Chen. Haven't I told you before?" Jian Chen behaved with great composure, smiling at the Blood Slaughter Ruler gently without much respect.

"I know all of the experts in the Wood Spirits World. You can say that I know them like the back of my own hand, so why have I never heard about you?" the Blood Slaughter Ruler asked sternly.

"I have always been cultivating in seclusion, paying no regard to what happens in the outside world, much less moving around in the outside world until most recently. It's perfectly normal if you don't know about me," Jian Chen said calmly.

The Jade Heaven Ruler and Heaven Fighting Ruler arrived by Jian Chen's side too. The three rulers stood together and all stared at him.

None of them even spared a glance at the Demonic Dragon Ruler's corpse.

The Jade Heaven Ruler was dressed in a green dress. She seemed to be in her twenties, possessing great beauty.

As for the Heaven Fighting Ruler, he was an old man with grey hair dressed in white robes. He seemed more like an enlightened master.

The three of them studied Jian Chen together, but without any exception, none of them could see through Jian Chen's exact strength. It was as if a layer of mist clouded him from them. They could only sense Jian Chen's presence vary in strength and constantly change.

However, even when his presence was at its strongest, it came nowhere close to theirs.

“What was that just now?” the Jade Heaven Ruler asked sternly. “The thing that killed the Demonic Dragon Ruler.”

“That’s a trump card of mine. You can say it’s my greatest life-preserving measure. I obtained it accidentally in the past,” said Jian Chen.

“You only possess one of those trump cards?” the Blood Slaughter Ruler suddenly asked, staring straight at Jian Chen.

Jian Chen blinked his eyes and stared back at the Blood Slaughter Ruler, falling into silence.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler exhaled deeply. His tense heart seemed to completely settle down at that moment. “Fellow, thank you for assisting us in killing the Demonic Dragon Ruler. We won’t mistreat you. We’ll definitely thank you properly.”

As he said that, the Blood Slaughter Ruler looked towards the inner core in Jian Chen’s hand. “You better hand the Demonic Dragon Ruler’s inner core over to us, as you didn’t do anything in killing the Demonic Dragon Ruler. You only used a tool.”