

## Chaotic 3321

### Chapter 3321: Deterring the Rulers

Jian Chen's eyes suddenly narrowed. Immediately, he became rather serious when he heard what the Blood Slaughter Ruler said. He stared at the Blood Slaughter Ruler. "We agreed before we killed the Demonic Dragon Ruler that the three of you would deal with a head and the remaining head would be up to me. Once the Demonic Dragon Ruler perished, I would be claiming the inner core."

"Now that the Demonic Dragon Ruler is dead, the Blood Slaughter Ruler instead wants to deprive me of the inner core under the excuse that I haven't done much. Do the promises of rulers really mean nothing?"

The Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler frowned slightly. They glanced at the Blood Slaughter Ruler at the same time hesitantly.

Clearly, both the Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heavenly Ruler found the Blood Slaughter Ruler's demands to be rather inappropriate.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler snorted coldly as his eyes turned into a glare. At the same time, he gave off a powerful presence, pressing straight towards Jian Chen. He was threatening. "If you faced the Demonic Dragon Ruler in a proper battle like the three of us and killed it with your actual strength, we'd obviously let you keep the inner core, but you clearly used a trick to kill the Demonic Dragon Ruler this time. You only use some unknown tool."

"A ruler's inner core can't be obtained that easily." The Blood Slaughter Ruler clearly did not want to give up on the inner core.

Jian Chen ignored the Blood Slaughter Ruler's threats. His tone gradually turned cold as he said indifferently, "It took your combined efforts to destroy one of the Demonic Dragon Ruler's heads. If I could achieve that alone through direct combat, why would I still bother with working with you?"

Jian Chen turned towards the two other rulers and said, "Jade Heaven Ruler, Heaven Fighting Ruler, what are your opinions on this? Don't tell me you also plan on going back on your word and taking back the Demonic Dragon Ruler's inner core like the Blood Slaughter Ruler?"

The Jade Heaven Ruler and the Heaven Fighting Ruler both frowned silently. They did not answer Jian Chen. Instead, they discussed it with the Blood Slaughter Ruler through communication techniques.

"Blood Slaughter, are you really going to do this? It's not a very good idea."

"We already promised him before. If we change our minds now, we'll be embarrassing ourselves. Furthermore, if he didn't help us out, we really would not have been able to kill the Demonic Dragon Ruler with our strength."

The Blood Slaughter Ruler stood with his hands behind his back, pressuring Jian Chen with his presence as he responded to the two of them. "You're both aware of exactly how precious the Demonic Dragon Ruler's inner core is. How can you let someone else run off with such a precious inner core so easily? If he possesses strength we need to take seriously, then it's fine for him to take it, but he's clearly not strong enough. How can a weakling be allowed to claim a slice of our pie?"

“I know you might be very fearful of the methods that this person just used, but you need to be aware that being able to produce a single terrifying secret treasure that can instantly kill a Chaotic Prime is already shocking enough. How can he produce a second?”

“This person has no right to negotiate with us!”

The Blood Slaughter Ruler spoke with great determination. Not only did a ruler’s inner core tempt the Blood Slaughter Ruler, but it also piqued the Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler’s interests too.

In the Wood Spirits World, it was absolutely no exaggeration to call it an exceptional treasure.

At this moment, the Blood Slaughter Ruler produced a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime inner core with a flip of his hand. He said coldly, “So be it. I won’t let you lose you. This inner core is yours. Now give us back the Demonic Dragon Ruler’s inner core. That’s as far as I’ll go.”

“You want to use an Infinite Prime’s inner core to exchange for my Chaotic Prime’s inner core? Blood Slaughter Ruler, you sure are full of good ideas.” Jian Chen sneered. He stowed the Demonic Dragon Ruler’s inner core into his Space Ring right in front of the Blood Slaughter Ruler and said coldly, “No deal!”

The Blood Slaughter Ruler’s face immediately darkened. His eyes became filled with undisguised killing intent. “You’re biting off more than you can chew. If that’s the case, you can forget about leaving here today.” With that, the Blood Slaughter Ruler’s presence suddenly rose. Great energy rushed out, clearly prepared to take action.

“Really now?” Jian Chen smiled mysteriously. In the next moment, another Profound Sword Qi appeared over his head, radiating with startling sword intent.

Faced with the sword intent, even the expressions of the three supreme rulers of the Wood Spirits World immediately changed, becoming overwhelmed with shock.

In the next moment, the Heaven Fighting Ruler, the Jade Heaven Ruler, and the Blood Slaughter Ruler all retreated, moving a thousand kilometres away. They were all frightened.

As for the Blood Slaughter Ruler, his expression had never been so ugly before. He tensely stared at the Profound Sword Qi over Jian Chen’s head.

“Y-y-you actually have more?” the Blood Slaughter Ruler growled. Fear filled the depths of his eyes.

The sight of how the Profound Sword Qi had instantly killed the Demonic Dragon Ruler was still vivid to him. They had personally witnessed its power.

Faced with the Profound Sword Qi, the three of them did not have any confidence in stopping it.

The Profound Sword Qi specially targeted the soul, so physical defences were completely useless. Even ancestral imprints would not grant them any advantage.

The greatest purpose of ancestral imprints was to strengthen their battle prowess and accelerate their healing.

They did not know whether it could stop soul attacks.

No one in the Wood Spirits World knew attacks that targeted the soul. They did not want to test it either.

“You might be able to keep me here today, but one of you will be perishing too.” Jian Chen glanced past the three rulers fearlessly.

The three rulers’ faces became ugly. They stared at the Profound Sword Qi over Jian Chen’s head and became extremely grim.

The pressure from the Profound Sword Qi was countless times greater than when they faced the Demonic Dragon Ruler.

“Hahaha, what are you saying, fellow Jian Chen? It was just Blood Slaughter’s little joke earlier. There’s no need to take it so seriously. There’s no need to take it so seriously.” A while later, the Heaven Fighting Ruler ended up breaking the stifling atmosphere, chuckling at Jian Chen.

“You should be the one who takes the Demonic Dragon Ruler’s inner core,” the Jade Heaven Ruler added.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler’s face had completely darkened as he stood there silently. From the moment the Profound Sword Qi appeared, he did not dare to utter another threat.

“If that’s the case, farewell!” Jian Chen smiled gently. He stowed the Profound Sword Qi away and immediately vanished.

“The Laws of Space!” The Heaven Fighting Ruler’s eyes narrowed. “This person’s mastery over the Laws of Space is exceptional.”

“He’s already tens of million kilometres away,” the Jade Heaven Ruler said. She had already extended the senses of her soul, noticing Jian Chen who had not erased his presence with a single glance.

But in the next moment, the Jade Heaven Ruler’s expression changed as she said, “So fast! He’s already left the range of the senses of my soul. His speed has completely surpassed all of us. If we really ended up fighting, even we can’t stop him from escaping if he focuses on fleeing.”

When they heard that, both the Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Blood Slaughter Ruler became stern.

The Profound Sword Qi combined with the Laws of Space basically granted him both offence and defence. It could be said that Jian Chen had truly raised the attention of the three rulers now.

### **Chapter 3322: The Rulers Return**

“So be it. Let’s not worry about who he is for now. The Demonic Dragon Ruler is dead. Without the Demonic Dragon Ruler, the ocean no longer poses a threat to us.” The Heaven Fighting Ruler did not think too much about it. He arrived before the Demonic Dragon Ruler’s corpse and personally began to carve it up. “Though, without the inner core, we need to readjust how we split everything up.”

Afterwards, the three rulers decided on a logical way of distributing the Demonic Dragon Ruler’s remains after a discussion.

The Demonic Dragon Ruler's remains were secondary in their battle out at sea this time. Their primary objective was to eliminate this latent source of trouble.

As a result, they did not haggle too much over how everything was distributed.

"Since we've achieved our objective, we should return," said the Jade Heaven Ruler suddenly. There were still a large number of battles unfolding between Infinite Prime sacred beasts and their subordinates in the surroundings of the island, but these battles clearly did not interest her. She could not be bothered with interfering.

The Heaven Fighting Ruler nodded in agreement, about to return to the Grand Heaven Domain. He would leave the last bit of work to his subordinates. There was no need for him to tend to it personally.

"There's no hurry!" the Blood Slaughter Ruler called out to stop the Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler. His eyes shone with a strange light as he said in thought, "The Demonic Dragon Ruler is dead, but there are still many Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime sacred beasts in the ocean. They're only a step away from Chaotic Prime. Even though this step seems unreachable and many sacred beasts will never take this step, what if they actually break through?"

"As a result, I think it's better if we scour the ocean and kill all the Ninth Heavenly Layer sacred beasts. We shouldn't even spare the Eighth Heavenly Layer or Seventh Heavenly Layer ones so that we can eliminate this threat forever."

The Heaven Fighting Ruler and Jade Heaven Ruler hesitated when they heard that, clearly deliberating over it.

Seeing the two of them hesitate, the Blood Slaughter Ruler continued, "If we continue to just let these sacred beasts close to breaking through be, a second or even third Demonic Dragon Ruler might appear one day in the ocean. By then, none of us will have it easy."

"That's reasonable. If that's the case, let's carry out a purge of the ocean. We'll take action personally just in case any slip by," said the Jade Heaven Ruler.

Seeing how even the Jade Heaven Ruler had agreed to it, the Heaven Fighting Ruler could only follow along. The three domains had already reached an agreement regarding this battle out at sea. They would advance and retreat together.

Having successfully persuaded the Jade Heaven Ruler and the Heaven Fighting Ruler, the Blood Slaughter Ruler could not help but smile mysteriously. He thought, "Searching through the entire ocean will take a month at the very least. After this month, everything in the Peace region should be over. What's done is done. If Heaven Fighting and Jade Heaven want to undo it, it won't be that easy anymore."

"I've bought you an additional month's worth of time. Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King, hopefully you don't leave me disappointed."

In the Peace region, Jian Chen returned to Sword Emperor city. As soon as he set foot in the courtyard, he immediately entered secluded cultivation without disturbing anybody.

In the secret room, Jian Chen sat on the ground with the Demonic Dragon Ruler's inner core in his hand. His eyes shone with excitement and eagerness, as well as a hint of uneasiness.

"This Chaotic Prime's inner core better not disappoint me," Jian Chen thought. What he was most worried about was that the inner core would not have an effect as great as he imagined it would.

The Demonic Dragon Ruler's inner core was the size of a grown man's fist. The energy it contained was tremendous and violent, enough to easily destroy all of Sword Emperor city.

With a thought, the demonic dragon's inner core in his hand immediately shrank. The inner core did not actually turn smaller. Instead, he changed the structure of space, so it seemed like it became smaller. In reality, its size had not changed at all, similar to something larger in something smaller.

In just a few seconds, the Demonic Dragon Ruler's inner core went from fist-sized to finger-sized. Afterwards, Jian Chen swallowed it in a single gulp.

As soon as the inner core reached his belly, a violent energy immediately began to run wild, rampaging through his body and damaging his flesh.

If it had been any other Chaotic Prime, they would have perished already, unable to withstand this violent force. But with Jian Chen's Chaotic Body, he did not feel particularly burdened.

His organs and all of his internal flesh was rapidly destroyed by this violent energy, but he was able to keep up with the damage through the Chaotic Body's extraordinary regeneration rate.

After all, only the injuries he had sustained from the laws of the Wood Spirits World struggled to heal, as the power of laws lingered in them.

However, he could repair all of the damage caused by the Demonic Dragon Ruler's inner core.

Jian Chen was not concerned about his internal injuries. He gathered all of his focus on the wounds he had sustained when he first set foot in this world. He felt both eager and uneasy.

It was also at this moment that a unique energy began to seep out from the Demonic Dragon Ruler's inner core. The energy was very special, possessing a hint of the laws of the Wood Spirits World, as well as wisps of life presence unique to the Demonic Dragon Ruler.

As this unique energy seeped out, the laws of the Wood Spirits World in Jian Chen's wounds that left him powerless began to melt away slowly.

It melted away extremely slowly, but it was truly vanishing.

This discovery left Jian Chen overjoyed. He had sustained these wounds when he first entered the Wood Spirits World from the attacks of the laws of the world. Even now, he had not recovered from them. He had once come up with numerous ways in an attempt to treat them, but it all ended in failure.

Now, these wounds that had accompanied him for all this time were finally closing up.

The power of laws lingering in his wounds melted away very slowly, so Jian Chen remained in secluded cultivation for two entire months this time.

Two months later, the Demonic Dragon Ruler's inner core completely vanished. Through the inner core, Jian Chen gained a few wisps of Chaotic Force while healing a lot of his injuries.

However, he had not made a complete recovery. He had only healed ninety percent of his injuries!

"A single ruler's inner core is still not enough. Looks like I need to find some more inner cores. These inner cores can't be too low in quality either. They need to be at the Ninth Heavenly Layer of Infinite Prime at the very least." Jian Chen emerged from his room after two months, smiling away softly.

He was already satisfied with his wounds being ninety percent healed.

When Jian Chen emerged, the three rulers who had gone out to fight on the demonic island also returned to their respective domains with the large number of experts under their command.

At this moment, in the Divine Palace of Scarlet Blood, the Blood Slaughter Ruler sat on his throne with a sunken expression. Below him stood several dozen people. Each and every one of them gave off an extremely powerful presence. They were all late Infinite Primes!

"Who's going to tell me exactly what happened? Why is such a simple matter regarding the Peace region still not resolved?" The Blood Slaughter Ruler's face was sunken. His voice was filled with deeply repressed anger.

"Ruler, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King has gone missing. Since the beginning of the battle, the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King never showed himself. Without his assistance, we stand no chance against the Jade Centre Domain and the Grand Heaven Domain with our forces alone," a Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime old man said from below.

### **Chapter 3323: Blood Slaughter's Strength**

"What? The Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King has gone missing?" The Blood Slaughter Ruler blanked out at first.

"And he's been missing for a very long time already. Ruler, I suspect that the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King has probably had an accident," said one of the elders responsible for planning the war in the Peace region with a trembling voice.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler immediately snorted coldly. He was furious. "He's a heavenly king. Without rulers, who in the Wood Spirits World can still threaten him? Find him. Find him for me immediately. Find the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King for me."

The Infinite Primes below all became troubled by that. They said, "Ruler, if the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King really is hiding, how can the likes of us find him given his abilities?"

The Blood Slaughter Ruler clenched his fist firmly with his face sunken. His eyes shone with icy coldness and surging wrath as he ground his teeth. "Ceremonial Bell. What a Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King. I trusted you so much, yet you've let down my hopes like this."

As soon as he thought of the miserable state that the Scarlet Blood Domain had ended up in the Peace region, the Blood Slaughter Ruler was unable to hold back his fury. Back then out at sea, he had even been afraid that the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King did not have enough time, so he deliberately thought of ways to buy some time with the Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler.

He had never thought that the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King had gone missing right from the beginning, and the situation in the Peace region did not develop as he had been anticipating. Instead, they had been forced into holding up in a single city by the Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Centre Domain.

“Ruler, how do we proceed with the matter regarding the Peace region?” the Primordial realm elder responsible for planning the war asked carefully.

“If we can’t take the entire place this time and allow the Jade Centre Domain and Grand Heaven Domain to raise their guard, it’ll be even more difficult in the future. We’ve already come so far. We can’t go back anymore.” The Blood Slaughter Ruler made up his mind. “We fight! Keep fighting! Gather all the forces of the Scarlet Blood Domain. You have to claim the entirety of the Peace region for me!”

When they heard that, the Primordial realm experts gathered in the hall immediately looked at one another. Many of them furrowed their brows in confusion. Gathering all the forces of the Scarlet Blood Domain to take down the Peace region? That was no different from directly declaring war against the two other domains.

There were still many experts from the Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Heaven Domain stationed in the Peace region.

Was a measly Peace region really worth all this?

“Blood Slaughter, you’ve broken the agreement our three domains originally set down!” At this moment, an elderly voice boomed out from outside, echoing through the entire Divine Palace of Scarlet Blood.

It was the Heaven Fighting Ruler, who had come personally to the Divine Palace of Scarlet Blood. His tremendous presence as a Chaotic Prime radiated out, stirring up the world and making the clouds churn.

“Blood Slaughter, you owe us an explanation for what’s happened in the Peace region!” Shortly afterwards, the Jade Heaven Ruler’s voice rang out as well. It was icy-cold, filled with undisguised fury.

The Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler had banded together and arrived at the Blood Slaughter Ruler’s headquarters together!

With a flash, the Blood Slaughter Ruler appeared. He stared at the Heaven Fighting Ruler and Jade Heaven Ruler emotionlessly as he sneered. “Heaven Fighting, Jade Heaven, I didn’t expect the two of you to come in person. You actually care so much about a tiny Peace region. What an occasion.”

“We reached an agreement about the Peace region before. Blood Slaughter, you’ve broken this agreement. You must give us an explanation for this,” the Jade Heaven Ruler said coldly.

“An explanation?” The Blood Slaughter Ruler laughed aloud. “Since you want an explanation, then I’ll give you an explanation.”

“My explanation is that the Peace region is mine! The Peace region will belong to our Scarlet Blood Domain!”

The Heaven Fighting Ruler’s face sank, and he said sternly, “Blood Slaughter, you will set off a war between our three domains.”

“Hahahaha, we’ve already come so far, so if you want to fight, then let’s fight! My Blood Slaughter Domain isn’t afraid of you.” The Blood Slaughter Ruler laughed aloud. As soon as he said that, he vanished, moving towards the Peace region with great speed.

“Oh no! He’s going to the Peace region!” The Heaven Fighting Ruler’s expression changed as he immediately followed after him. There were still a large number of experts from the Heaven Fighting Domain in the Peace region. If the Blood Slaughter Ruler was not stopped, the consequences would be unthinkable.

The Jade Heaven Ruler also snorted coldly and chased after the Blood Slaughter Ruler.

“Gather all of the forces of the Divine Palace of Scarlet Blood and take down the Peace region at all costs!” At the same time, the Blood Slaughter Ruler’s voice rang out in the Divine Palace of Scarlet Blood.

“Yes, sir!” Even though many of the Infinite Primes in the Divine Palace of Scarlet Blood found this to be inappropriate, they could only obey such a determined order from their ruler.

All the experts belonging to the Scarlet Blood Domain in the Peace region currently gathered in Spirit Emperor city of the Peace region. They relied on the formation to fend off the attacks from the Grand Heaven Domain and Jade Centre Domain.

Spirit Emperor city was surrounded by a large number of experts from the Grand Heaven Domain and Jade Centre Domain!

Without the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King, the Scarlet Blood Domain suffered an utter defeat in the Peace region.

At this moment, many experts gathered in the main bases for the Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Centre Domain. They were all doing whatever they were meant to do, meditating or drinking tea. They all seemed extremely relaxed.

But at this moment, a tremendous presence suddenly appeared in the surroundings. A blood-red figure had suddenly appeared over Spirit Emperor city. It was the Blood Slaughter Ruler!

The Blood Slaughter Ruler gazed down. When he discovered that the experts of the Scarlet Blood Domain were currently surrounded in Spirit Emperor city, the killing intent in his eyes immediately flared. He reached out and powerful energy gathered immediately. He directly threw his fists towards the bases of the Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Centre Domain.

Immediately, colossal fists condensed from great energy shot through the air, erupting in the two bases with deafening rumbles. The entire world shook.

“It’s the Blood Slaughter Ruler! Run! Run quickly!”

“We stand no chance! It’s a ruler! Run, everyone! Scatter and flee!”

The bases for the Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Centre Domain immediately turned into a mess. Under the Blood Slaughter Ruler’s ruthless attacks, Godhood cultivators perished en masse. Even many Primordial realm experts were heavily injured.



“Blood Slaughter, you’re a mighty ruler, yet you actually lay your hands on a bunch of juniors. You’re shameless.” The Jade Heaven Ruler’s furious roar boomed out from behind. She had caught up to the Blood Slaughter Ruler first. Her face had darkened, directly engaging in an intense battle with the Blood Slaughter Ruler mid-air.

“Blood Slaughter!” Behind, the Heaven Fighting Ruler rapidly caught up as well. When he saw the deceased experts of the Heaven Fighting Domain, he erupted with killing intent before striking out furiously, working with the Jade Heaven Ruler against the Blood Slaughter Ruler.

The three rulers became locked in an intense battle mid-air. Booms rang out endlessly. It was devastating.

This was a battle at the highest level of the Wood Spirits World!

The Blood Slaughter Ruler truly was very powerful. With the assistance of five ancestral imprints, he could not hold back the combined attacks of the Jade Heaven Ruler and the Heaven Fighting Ruler, but the two of them clearly could not defeat him any time soon either.

The three of them clashed violently mid-air and moved around rapidly, leaving Spirit Emperor city very soon.

“Blood Slaughter, with just the strength of your Scarlet Blood Domain, it’s completely impossible for you to defeat our Grand Heaven Domain and Jade Centre Domain. If you continue with this stubbornly, the only one to be defeated will be you,” the Heaven Fighting Ruler called out. He also noticed that while he could suppress the Blood Slaughter Ruler when working together with the Jade Heaven Ruler, it was impossible for them to kill him. There was not much meaning in continuing the battle.

They were all in possession of ancestral imprints and were Wood Spirits, so their injuries healed very quickly. Unless they could overwhelm each other in an absolute manner, none of them could do anything about each other.

“Really now?” The Blood Slaughter Ruler smiled mysteriously. “I’ve kept it hidden for so long. It’s about time you find out about my true strength.” In the next moment, his presence erupted as a total of eight blinding balls of light appeared over his head.

Each ball of light was an ancestral imprint. Eight ancestral imprints had appeared around the Blood Slaughter Ruler.

“T-that’s impossible! Where did you obtain so many ancestral imprints!?” the Heaven Fighting Ruler’s eyes narrowed as he cried out.

Even the Jade Heaven Ruler’s face changed, becoming extremely grim.

The Heaven Fighting Ruler and she only possessed five ancestral imprints each, yet the Blood Slaughter Ruler possessed eight now.

Ninth Heavenly Layer Infinite Primes only needed to possess one ancestral imprint to be known as heavenly kings, enough to dominate other cultivators of the same level.

The same logic applied to them as rulers. Every additional ancestral imprint brought a substantial increase to their battle prowess. The Blood Slaughter Ruler had gone from the previous five to possessing eight all of a sudden.

That immediately broke the balance in their strength.

#### **Chapter 3324: A Battle Between Rulers**

With eight ancestral imprints, the Blood Slaughter Ruler's strength immediately reached an unprecedented peak. He arrived before the Heaven Fighting Ruler in a flash and directly slashed out with his sword.

A resplendent streak of light shot through the air; the Blood Slaughter Ruler's sword immediately slashed through the Heaven Fighting Ruler's energy barrier before piercing his god artifact armour like a hot knife through butter.

Faced with the sword, all of the Heaven Fighting Ruler's defences seemed useless, unable to protect him at all.

In the end, the Blood Slaughter Ruler's sword directly landed on the Heaven Fighting Ruler's body, leaving behind a horrific wound that almost pierced his entire body.

The Heaven Fighting Ruler was shocked. When they both possessed five ancestral imprints, he could still fend off the Blood Slaughter Ruler for a while. His cultivation as a First Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime was slightly below the Blood Slaughter Ruler's, but the difference was not too large.

But now that the Blood Slaughter Ruler had gained three ancestral imprints, the difference in their battle prowess immediately became as large as a chasm.

The Heaven Fighting Ruler immediately retreated in a hurry. The five ancestral imprints shone with blinding light. They seemed to establish some kind of connection with the sovereign god artifact in the sky, drawing in its power to life to heal his injuries.

But at this moment, the Blood Slaughter Ruler struck again. The sword in his hand erupted with light as it thrust towards the Heaven Fighting Ruler like a bolt of lightning.

The Heaven Fighting Ruler had yet to recover from his injuries, so he had lost the ability to dodge this attack. He could only raise his sword and thrust it forwards as hard as he could as well.

The tips of the two swords collided, producing a startling explosion.

The attack had almost knocked the sword from the Heaven Fighting Ruler's hand, while the Blood Slaughter Ruler's sword continued onwards to penetrate the Heaven Fighting Ruler's chest.

As the sword passed through the Heaven Fighting Ruler's body, the power in the sword immediately annihilated the Heaven Fighting Ruler's organs, making him spurt up blood.

It was not even possible to tell whether he coughed up blood or pieces of his organs anymore.

The Heaven Fighting Ruler immediately paled. His face was filled with fear.

In that short instant, he had suffered such heavy injuries that even his five ancestral imprints could not keep up.

Once the rate of recovery fell behind the rate of injury, only death awaited him.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler was already capable of killing the Heaven Fighting Ruler with his eight ancestral imprints.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler clearly had no plans on letting the Heaven Fighting Ruler go. Killing intent rose up in his eyes. He continued to chase after the Heaven Fighting Ruler with the sword in his hand without holding back at all.

There had never been any friendship between the three rulers. There had only ever been their interests. As a matter of fact, in the time before the Peace region had been established, when their territories bordered one another, there was frequent bloodshed. The three of them often clashed too.

However, none of them could kill one another, so they were stuck in a three-way confrontation, each holding back one another. As such, uncontrollable conflict had never occurred.

As for their efforts in killing the Demonic Dragon Ruler earlier, that was only temporary cooperation as their interests aligned. It was equivalent to a temporary alliance.

Now that the Demonic Dragon Ruler was dead, their alliance obviously ceased to exist. They had returned to how they once were.

“Help me, Jade Heaven!” The Heaven Fighting Ruler flew back rapidly. Anxiety flashed through his eyes. “I’m aware that you both wish to see me dead, as once I’m dead, my Grand Heaven Domain belongs to the two of you. However, you need to be aware of Blood Slaughter’s strength, Jade Heaven!”

“You must have noticed Blood Slaughter’s current strength as well. Without me, you’re not Blood Slaughter’s opponent either.” The Heaven Fighting Ruler had clearly begun to panic. Among the three rulers of the Wood Spirits World, he was the weakest.

The Jade Heaven Ruler said nothing. Her beautiful face was also frosty, filled with grimness.

In the next moment, she directly used a God Tier Battle Skill. Accompanied by a pressure from the world, a colossal strand of sword Qi took shape over her head before shooting towards the Blood Slaughter Ruler with enough force to crush space.

The Jade Heaven Ruler’s God Tier Battle Skill directly locked onto the Blood Slaughter Ruler’s presence, such that it was undodgeable and unavoidable. He was forced to receive it.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler finally became a little stern. The Jade Heaven Ruler was a Second Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime unlike the Heaven Fighting Ruler. Faced with this God Tier Battle Skill, he did not dare to be careless even with his eight ancestral imprints.

With a bellow, his presence skyrocketed as the sword in his hand exploded with light. With the power of the eight ancestral imprints, he slashed down with his full strength.

Boom!

The Blood Slaughter Ruler retreated rapidly mid-air. His body was covered with various sword slashes that basically covered every inch of his skin. He was completely bloodied, left in a very miserable state.

But very quickly, his injuries closed up at a visible rate.

With the eight ancestral imprints, his injuries also regenerated much faster than the Jade Heaven Ruler who possessed five ancestral imprints.

With that, the Jade Heaven Ruler's God Tier Battle Skill dispersed from running out of energy.

The Jade Heaven Ruler frowned heavily at this sight. This God Tier Battle Skill was already the greatest attack she knew, yet it only caused some scratches to the Blood Slaughter Ruler.

After gaining three more ancestral imprints, the Blood Slaughter Ruler's strength had increased so much that it even surpassed her expectations.

"Hahahaha, is this it, Jade Heaven?" The Blood Slaughter Ruler laughed aloud. He produced a dazzling streak of light in the air with his sword, slashing towards the Jade Heaven Ruler and forcing her into a retreat.

"The Peace region is mine. If the two of you have some sense in you, back down immediately, or I won't be showing any mercy," the Blood Slaughter Ruler said coldly before abandoning the battle with the Jade Heaven Ruler and the Heaven Fighting Ruler. He turned to hunt down the Infinite Primes of the Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Centre Domain. "Only death awaits you if you don't leave the Peace region!"

The Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler obviously would not simply stand by and watch as the Blood Slaughter Ruler massacred their subordinates. The two of them immediately worked together to keep the Blood Slaughter Ruler busy, engaging in an intense clash mid-air.

It had to be mentioned that the Blood Slaughter Ruler truly was very powerful, especially after using the eight ancestral imprints. He had already changed the disadvantageous situation from before, and he had even gained the upper hand when facing both the Jade Heaven Ruler and the Heaven Fighting Ruler together.

The three rulers moved swiftly through the air. Wherever they went, energy surged through the land and booms rang out thunderously. The land underneath was peppered with holes from the resulting energy of these attacks.

They shot over city after city, but without any exceptions, all of the cities faced tremendous calamities. The defensive formations of the cities were unable to stop the shockwaves of their attacks, immediately smashed apart by the energy that leaked out, which would reduce the entire city to a mess.

Many weaker Wood Spirits directly perished under the resulting energy from their clashes.

### **Chapter 3325: The Lord of the Peace Region (One)**

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“If we keep fighting, all life in the Peace region will be wiped out. Blood Slaughter, do you really want to commit such a heinous deed?” the Heaven Fighting Ruler called out furiously as he clashed with the Blood Slaughter Ruler, rather reluctant to see that happen.

“Hahahaha, the one who wants all life in the Peace region wiped out is not me, but the two of you. If you’re really considering the billions of lives in the Peace region, you would immediately retreat.” The Blood Slaughter Ruler laughed loudly. His face was twisted, like he had gone insane. He completely disregarded the fates of the billions of lives in the Peace region.

The Jade Heaven Ruler stared straight into the Blood Slaughter Ruler’s eyes and said sternly, “You want to obtain the Peace region at all costs, so it definitely isn’t as simple as expanding your territory. Earlier, when we were out at sea, you even came up with excuses to keep us busy for two months.”

“Don’t tell me the Peace region is hiding some secrets that we don’t know about with how hard you’re scheming? And you’ve come for these secrets?” The Jade Heaven Ruler’s eyes shone with a strange light.

When he heard that, the Blood Slaughter Ruler shivered inside, but his expression remained the same. He laughed. “Jade Heaven, I have no idea what you’re saying. I’m stronger than the two of you now, so the Peace region is mine. Isn’t that how it should be?”

The Blood Slaughter Ruler continued, “Jade Heaven, Heaven Fighting, aren’t you concerned about the safety of the people in the Peace region? If you’re really concerned about them, then back away immediately, or the two of you will be at fault for the annihilation of all life in the Peace region too.”

“I also think the Peace region is hiding some kind of unspeakable secret, which is the reason why you want it. Otherwise, there’s no reason for you to go so far over some land,” the Heaven Fighting Ruler said sternly. His eyes flickered, also beginning to doubt the Blood Slaughter Ruler’s intentions.

“You can say whatever you want to say. I don’t care about it. In short, I want the Peace region. If you’re not going to let me have it, then let’s fight to the death.” The Blood Slaughter Ruler’s expression was determined. He became even more determined to claim the Peace region too.

At the same time, experts gathered in the Scarlet Blood Domain. Everyone under the Blood Slaughter Ruler’s command was here, all standing and waiting for an order. They would charge into the Peace region without any hesitation as soon as they received the signal.

It was not just the Scarlet Blood Domain. The Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Centre Domain were the same. The Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler had both sent messages back, rallying their subordinates and gathering their experts, all waiting at the entrance to the Peace region for orders.

Very clearly, while the Blood Slaughter Ruler’s strength completely surpassed the Jade Heaven Ruler and Heaven Fighting Ruler’s individual strength as he possessed eight ancestral imprints, the Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler would not simply give up the Peace region like this.

The three rulers were all prepared to fight to the end. None of them backed down.

An all-out war was on the brink of erupting!

At this moment, Jian Chen sat back in a seat in the Xia Merchant Union's courtyard, gazing at the green sun in the sky in a daze.

The beautiful Bai Yurou stood quietly to one side in white clothes. As the young miss of the White Emperor clan, she had now willingly become Jian Chen's maidservant.

At this moment, the leader of the Xia Merchant Union, Xia Jianming, arrived before Jian Chen. He bowed politely before saying softly, "Master, the Sword Emperor has come. Will you be meeting with him?"

Jian Chen looked away from the green sun and turned towards the entrance of the courtyard. He said, "Invite him in!"

"Yes, master!" Xia Jianming immediately went off.

Very soon, the scholarly Sword Emperor appeared before Jian Chen. His face was filled with concern.

"Fellow Jian Chen, the three rulers are currently fighting in the Peace region. The impact of their battle is far too intense. They've already destroyed countless cities of various sizes along the way, with innumerable clansmen dying from the collateral damage. Now, the battlefield of the three rulers is getting closer and closer to our Sword Emperor city. Once they arrived over our Sword Emperor city, the consequences would be terrible."

The Sword Emperor was very worried. He bowed towards Jian Chen and said with great respect, "In the eyes of the three rulers, I am only someone insignificant as the so-called Sword Emperor. I have no authority to speak. Now, all I can rely on is you, fellow Jian Chen. I hope you can lend me a hand and settle this disaster that my Sword Emperor city is about to face and save all of our people."

Jian Chen smiled when he heard that. "Sword Emperor, that's a battle between rulers. Are you really just that certain that I'll be able to help?"

"Fellow Jian Chen, you are the only hope of our Sword Emperor city!" said the Sword Emperor. In reality, he did not believe that Jian Chen could resolve the disaster this time. That was a battle between rulers after all, well beyond anything like the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King. Jian Chen could stop the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King, but he definitely could not stop rulers.

But right now, the strongest individual in Sword Emperor city was Jian Chen. The Sword Emperor had no other choice. He could only do what he could and hope for the best. 4887

Suddenly, Jian Chen looked into the distance. A beam of light flashed through his eyes as he murmured, "They're actually heading this way."

The Sword Emperor's expression changed when he heard that. He immediately became serious.

A few seconds later, thunderous rumbling vaguely appeared from the distant horizon. The three rulers moved through the air at great speeds, fighting as they approached Sword Emperor city. Wherever they passed by, the space exploded and mountains crumbled. Just the impact from their clashes possessed devastating power, enough to destroy any imperial city in the Peace region.

Before they had even reached Sword Emperor city, the tremendous pressure had flooded out and left the Sword Emperor sheet-white.

“It’s over. My imperial city is done for.” The Sword Emperor became cold all over. He could avoid the impact of a battle between rulers from afar, but the imperial city would definitely be severely damaged. The weaker citizens in the city were probably doomed.

The battle between the three rulers had already escalated to a point where they no longer cared about weaker cultivators.

In the courtyard, Bai Yurou and Xia Jianming immediately became solemn as well. Xia Jianming immediately asked, “Master, should we avoid this?” He was aware that Jian Chen was a ruler, but in Xia Jianming’s belief, Jian Chen had only become a ruler recently. Compared to the renowned rulers who had reigned over the Wood Spirits World for many years, he was obviously lacking in many respects.

Jian Chen ignored Xia Jianming. He stared at the three approaching rulers and immediately felt pained. He murmured to himself, “How troublesome. If they fight their way over here, wouldn’t I lose my temporary residence?”

“Wait here. I’ll be right back!” With that, Jian Chen had already vanished.

Gazing at the empty wheelchair, the Sword Emperor visibly blanked out. He turned towards Xia Jianming. “Union leader Xia, do you think fellow Jian Chen will actually be able to convince the three rulers to stop?”

“I have no idea,” Xia Jianming responded. He stared straight into the horizon.

“Senior Sword Emperor, since senior Jian Chen told us to wait here, then all we have to do is wait here. I’m certain senior Jian Chen will be able to resolve the dangers involved.” Bai Yurou was extremely confident in him.

“Hopefully.” The Sword Emperor immediately found some relief from Bai Yurou’s words.

### **Chapter 3326: The Lord of the Peace Region (Two)**

Several tens of thousand kilometres away from Sword Emperor city, a ball of resplendent light shot across the sky above a barren grassland. It was like a meteor, vanishing into the distance with extremely great speed.

Deafening rumbles echoed within the ball of light, together with powerful pulses of energy, which formed a terrifying storm that swept through the air.

Three figures vaguely appeared in the ball of light. They brushed past one another with lightning speed. Whenever they clashed, there would be a violent explosion. The residual sword Qi and energy rained down on the land below, immediately covering it with holes. Colossal pits appeared one after another.

This was the battle between the Heaven Fighting Ruler, the Jade Heaven Ruler, and the Blood Slaughter Ruler. They moved as they fought with extremely great speeds, almost crossing through a good part of the Peace region. Currently, they approached Sword Emperor city rapidly.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler fought against the two of them and had already gained the upper hand. He forced the Jade Heaven Ruler and Heaven Fighting Ruler to work together, just in case they were defeated individually.

With eight ancestral imprints, the Blood Slaughter Ruler had already become the undisputed strongest in the Wood Spirits World!

“Three rulers, exactly how great is your feud that you fight with such intensity?”

But at this moment, a voice that the three rulers found familiar rang out from the distance. A figure in white robes silently appeared in the path of the three rulers, levitating in the air in the same seated position as always.

He was obviously Jian Chen, who had rushed over here from Sword Emperor city!

“It’s you?”

The three rulers immediately recognised him, which made their eyes narrow. Even the expression of the Blood Slaughter Ruler could not help but change when he saw Jian Chen despite his eight ancestral imprints.

The sight of Jian Chen directly destroying one of the Demonic Dragon Ruler’s heads clearly appeared in the minds of the three rulers again. All three rulers feared the Profound Sword Qi in Jian Chen’s possession.

The Demonic Dragon Ruler was so powerful, yet it could not even withstand a single strand of Profound Sword Qi from him. The power behind the Profound Sword Qi gave them chills.

The three rulers that were locked in an intense battle all stopped fighting with Jian Chen’s appearance. They hovered in the air, all staring at him.

Jian Chen glanced deeply at the eight ancestral imprints over the Blood Slaughter Ruler’s head and smiled calmly. He said steadily, “Rulers, you’ve caused quite a disturbance in the Peace region with your battle. Why don’t you sit down and talk and resolve this in a peaceful manner?”

None of the three rulers acknowledged Jian Chen’s words. Resolving their conflict in a peaceful manner? That was already a matter of the past.

They frowned. The Blood Slaughter Ruler directly asked Jian Chen, “Why are you here?”

“I originally resided in seclusion near here,” said Jian Chen.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler squinted his eyes, which shone with sharp, cold light. He said sternly, “Jian Chen, are you interfering with our matters?”

“You can’t say that. Your battle has almost destroyed my residence, so I’ve been forced to make an appearance.” Jian Chen chuckled.

The Jade Heaven Ruler’s eyes shone. After a moment of hesitation, she seemed to make some kind of decision. Suddenly, she said to Jian Chen, “Jian Chen, with your current strength, you should possess a territory of your own. Why don’t we let you take the Peace region? How’s that?”

The Heaven Fighting Ruler’s eyes narrowed slightly when he heard that, but he soon realised what she was going after. Immediately, he smiled mysteriously. “I have no objections over the Peace region



becoming fellow Jian Chen's territory. From now onwards, fellow Jian Chen is the master of the Peace region."

"What? The Peace region is now my territory? I'm the master of the Peace region?" Jian Chen blanked out when he heard that. He was stunned.

Becoming the master of the Peace region? Controlling the entire Peace region? That was something he had never considered before.

Right now, all he thought about was how to heal. Everything he did was for the sake of recovering. He really had no interest in dominating and ruling anything.

"That's right. With fellow Jian Chen's strength, you're more than qualified to become the master of the Peace region. Both Jade Heaven and I completely support this." The Heaven Fighting Ruler chuckled, striking while the iron was still hot and directly pushing the position of the lord of the Peace region onto Jian Chen.

Whether it was the Heaven Fighting Ruler or the Jade Heaven Ruler, they had both noticed the Blood Slaughter Ruler's determination to obtain the Peace region. Unfortunately, the Blood Slaughter Ruler had become far too powerful, where the two of them lost the upper hand even when working together. Under such a precarious situation, both of them would pay an extremely hefty price if they wanted to maintain the Peace region's independence.

As a matter of fact, it was completely impossible for them to maintain that.

As a result, they had no other choice but to directly give the Peace region to Jian Chen.

With that, if the Blood Slaughter Ruler still wanted the Peace region, then he would obviously have to oppose Jian Chen, allowing them to gain an additional ally.

"This isn't something that the two of you can decide." The Blood Slaughter Ruler's face was extremely sunken. He turned towards Jian Chen. "Jian Chen, the Peace region is a matter between the three of us. You shouldn't get involved. The two of them are giving the Peace region to you to rope you in against me. It's completely motivated by ill will."

The Blood Slaughter Ruler was also extremely fearful of Jian Chen.

Of course, he was only fearful of Jian Chen's Profound Sword Qi!

The Jade Heaven Ruler said, "The Peace region in the past had always been independent of our three domains. Only with the independence of the Peace region can we ensure peace in our three domains. However, now that the Blood Slaughter Ruler has obtained eight ancestral imprints, he believes his strength has surpassed Heaven Fighting and me, so he wants to break our original agreement and take the Peace region for himself. That was why the battle today occurred."

"Jian Chen, if you become the lord of the Peace region, not only will you have your own territory, but you'll also receive the full support from Heaven Fighting and me. Of course, the most important part is this is the only way to resolve the disaster that the Peace region is currently facing."

"Becoming the lord of the Peace region is equivalent to saving all the lives in the Peace region. Otherwise, if the three of us continue fighting here, the consequences will be unthinkable."

“That’s because we will never strike a compromise over the Peace region with the Blood Slaughter Ruler,” the Jade Heaven Ruler said resolutely.

Jian Chen smiled wryly. “Then according to you, it’s in fact a deed of great compassion if I become the lord of the Peace region?”

“Blood Slaughter has been scheming after the Peace region with so much determination, so I definitely don’t think it’s just for a piece of territory. I’m certain that the Peace region is hiding some kind of secret that even Jade Heaven and I don’t know about. Jian Chen, if you become the lord of the Peace region, wouldn’t you be able to investigate the secret that might exist here better?” the Heaven Fighting Ruler added, determined to drag Jian Chen into this matter.

Once Jian Chen became the lord of the Peace region, it would not just be his and Jade Heaven’s matter if the Blood Slaughter Ruler still wanted to claim the Peace region for himself. Jian Chen would also be involved.

### **Chapter 3327: The Lord of the Peace Region (Three)**

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“Hmph, Jade Heaven, Heaven Fighting, did you ever ask me when you wanted to give the Peace region away for free? As long as I don’t agree, this isn’t something that just the two of you can decide,” the Blood Slaughter Ruler said sternly. He had schemed after the Peace region for several tens of thousand years already. Since he had already taken this step forward, he could not afford to fail.

Right now, only he was aware of how special the Peace region was. He had also deduced this secret several tens of thousand years ago in a tattered book of records.

Jian Chen said nothing. Faced with the temptation of the Peace region, he remained unfazed and uninterested. He had seen and experienced his fair share of things. Let alone a place as small as the Peace region, even the entire Wood Spirits World could not interest him.

“Fellow Jian Chen already stands at the same height as us, so he deserves to possess a territory of his own. Blood Slaughter, are you implying that fellow Jian Chen is supposed to remain in secluded cultivation and live like a hermit?” The Jade Heaven Ruler sneered.

The Heaven Fighting Ruler laughed. “Actually, there’s another option. Fellow Jian Chen, use your trump card and kill the Blood Slaughter Ruler. That way, the Scarlet Blood Domain will become fellow Jian Chen’s territory. The Scarlet Blood Domain is so vast that there’s no way the Peace region can match it.”

“Yeah, that’s not a bad idea,” the Jade Heaven Ruler said, expressing her agreement.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler’s face darkened. He ground his teeth. “How calculating of you. Even if Jian Chen is supposed to kill someone, that should be you, Heaven Fighting, as you’re the weakest. You would take the least amount of effort to kill. As for me, I now possess eight ancestral imprints protecting me, so fellow Jian Chen’s trump card might not be enough to claim my life.”

“Really?”

However, as soon as the Blood Slaughter Ruler said that, Jian Chen suddenly broke his silence. He smiled mysteriously and stared at the Blood Slaughter Ruler, saying calmly, “Is the Blood Slaughter Ruler really

that confident that you can stop my trump card? We might as well try it then, as I'm also extremely curious about whether my trump card can instantly snuff out the Blood Slaughter Ruler's soul like how it did to the Demonic Dragon Ruler's."

Ever since the Blood Slaughter Ruler went back on his word regarding the demonic dragon's inner core, Jian Chen did not have any good impression of him.

However, when he said that, the three rulers all held their breaths and looked over.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler's expression became as ugly as it could be. He rapidly raised his guard. "Jian Chen, I was only joking. It would be extremely detrimental to you if you were to take it seriously. After all, you haven't obtained your trump card easily. If you use it on me, whether I perish or not, do you think Jade Heaven and Heaven Fighting will spare you since they're no longer deterred by your trump card?" 4887

"After all, your appearance is already enough to threaten Jade Heaven and Heaven Fighting's interests."

"Blood Slaughter is just trying to alarm you. We're nowhere near that unruly. I'm certain you're well aware of this, fellow Jian Chen," said the Heaven Fighting Ruler.

Before they knew it, the atmosphere had changed. The three rulers who were fighting with their lives earlier immediately began to bicker with Jian Chen's appearance.

"If I refuse to become the lord of the Peace region, will the three of you continue fighting?" Jian Chen asked.

"That's correct!" The Jade Heaven Ruler was the one who answered. She answered firmly.

"If that's the case, then the Peace region is mine!" Jian Chen said. His tone made it sound like he would not allow for any objection. He was not trying to negotiate or ask for their permission at all. Instead, he spoke resolutely and with determination.

The Jade Heaven Ruler and the Heaven Fighting Ruler both loosened up inside with that. They smiled in relief.

Meanwhile, the Blood Slaughter Ruler's heart sank. He growled, "Jian Chen, the Peace region doesn't belong to you. If you want to become the lord of the Peace region, it's not that easy. I object!"

"You object? Then why don't we fight it out too?" Jian Chen smiled resplendently. As soon as he said that, alarming sword Qi immediately filled the surroundings, rushing into the sky and shattering space.

A strand of Profound Sword Qi had already appeared over his head, shining with blinding light.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler immediately felt a chill run through his body. Fear silently spread through his mind. He immediately retreated in a hurry, appearing a thousand kilometres away.

"I want the Peace region. Blood Slaughter Ruler, are you agreeing to this or not?" Jian Chen smiled at the Blood Slaughter Ruler.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler's face had completely darkened. He glanced deeply at the Profound Sword Qi over Jian Chen's head before instantly vanishing without uttering another word, directly leaving the area.

"Congratulations, fellow Jian Chen. From now onwards, you are the lord of the Peace region." The Heaven Fighting Ruler and Jade Heaven Ruler immediately arrived before Jian Chen and congratulated him with smiles after the Blood Slaughter Ruler's departure.

"I'm not that interested in the Peace region. My main reason for accepting this is because I don't wish to see the three of you fighting anymore. After all, not only will that annihilate all life in the Peace region, but it'll also affect my recovery," said Jian Chen.

"Fellow Jian Chen, you're injured?" The Heaven Fighting Ruler and Jade Heaven Ruler narrowed their eyes slightly.

"Due to some reasons from cultivating, I am suffering from some side effects," Jian Chen replied.

"I see." The Heaven Fighting Ruler came to a realisation. They had a short conversation with Jian Chen before all bidding farewell.

"Jian Chen, you have to be careful about the Blood Slaughter Ruler. He possesses eight ancestral imprints, which has filled him with confidence and ambition. He might not spare you." The Jade Heaven Ruler warned Jian Chen carefully before leaving.

Jian Chen nodded. Afterwards, he suddenly vanished, having left already.

The Jade Heaven Ruler and the Heaven Fighting Ruler were not in a rush to return to their domains. They all stopped at the border of the Peace region.

"Jade Heaven, what do you think about Jian Chen as a person?" the Heaven Fighting Ruler asked.

The Jade Heaven Ruler said in thought, "He's appeared out of nowhere and is quite mysterious. We don't know anything about him. But right now, none of that is important. What is important is his appearance has successfully held back Blood Slaughter, leaving him with second thoughts. Otherwise, Blood Slaughter's invasion of the Peace region definitely would not have ended like this."

"Yeah, fair enough. His trump card is the only thing that can deter Blood Slaughter. However, the two of us can't afford to be careless. We have to be constantly wary about Blood Slaughter's attempts to assassinate Jian Chen. If we lose him, then we'll be the next people that Blood Slaughter directly comes after," said the Heaven Fighting Ruler.

"Blood Slaughter is very ambitious. He's the most dangerous person here. If we can persuade Jian Chen to use his trump card to kill Blood Slaughter, then everything will be resolved. Unfortunately, he probably won't do that. After all, not only does his trump card deter Blood Slaughter from doing anything, but it also deters us." The Jade Heaven Ruler sighed gently. "Announce the news that Jian Chen has become the lord of the Peace region. Also, secretly investigate the Peace region and see whether it really is hiding any secrets that we're not aware of."

"There must be secrets that we don't know, or Blood Slaughter would have no reason to go so far," the Heaven Fighting Ruler said with absolute confidence.

## Chapter 3328: The Fourth Ruler

Xia Jianming, Bai Yurou, and the Sword Emperor remained in place in the courtyard of the Xia Merchant Union. They did not even pace around.

Their eyes were all fixed in the same direction—the direction where the three rulers clashed.

None of them dared to use the senses of their souls, as that would be viewed as an insult to the rulers, an act of disrespect. As a result, they could only look over with their eyes.

Of course, all they could vaguely see were a few dark specks.

After all, they were too far away, several tens of thousand kilometres away!

“The three rulers have stopped!” The Sword Emperor’s voice was slightly excited as if a great burden had finally been lifted from his shoulders.

The Sword Emperor did not know what had happened exactly, but he was aware that the disaster that Sword Emperor city was about to face had been temporarily averted.

“Fellow Jian Chen has saved the millions of lives of my Sword Emperor city. All of the residents in Sword Emperor city will never forget about his great kindness.” The Sword Emperor was rather emotional. He also felt extremely fortunate. He felt fortunate that a supreme expert dwelled in Sword Emperor city, or Sword Emperor city would be done for today.

At the same time, a noisy disturbance could be vaguely heard outside the courtyard, together with the rumbling of energy collisions.

“Run! Everyone, run! The three rulers are about to reach Sword Emperor city! They’ve already levelled countless cities along the way!”

“Run away from Sword Emperor city!”

“How dare you! This belongs to our Luo family! Who dares to steal it!?”

“Hahahaha, you don’t even know if you can preserve your Luo family before a disaster caused by rulers. Who still cares about this? Once I rob you all, I’ll just flee to the Scarlet Blood Domain.”

The many cultivators in Sword Emperor city were clearly aware of the incoming disaster that Sword Emperor city was about to face. Some fled for their lives, while others used this opportunity to rob the households and stores of others. All sorts of noises and cries filled the city.

For a moment, the entirety of Sword Emperor city lost its usual order, falling into chaos. The weak were freely abused as the strong did as they pleased.

Some of the peak clans in Sword Emperor city already had flying ships rising into the air, fleeing from the city.

The Sword Emperor was clearly aware of all this in the courtyard of the Xia Merchant Union. He frowned and immediately sent a message to the Sword Emperor's estate.

In the next moment, the powerful presence of a Primordial realm expert erupted in the Sword Emperor's estate. Ancestor Li took action personally, mobilising all of the defensive forces throughout the city to suppress the disturbance and maintain order.

As for the Sword Emperor, he did not leave the courtyard. Instead, he waited there patiently for Jian Chen's return.

"Sigh, I only went to stop them from affecting Sword Emperor city. I didn't think I'd end up as the lord of this place."

At this moment, a voice suddenly rang out. Bai Yurou, Xia Jianming, and the Sword Emperor who were still staring into the distance shivered inside and immediately looked down. They saw Jian Chen in the wheelchair again.

Even the Seventh Heavenly Layer Infinite Prime Sword Emperor failed to sense when Jian Chen had returned.

"Thank you for your assistance, fellow Jian Chen. From today onwards, you are the saviour of our Sword Emperor city." The Sword Emperor immediately cupped his fist at Jian Chen. He had obviously heard Jian Chen's mutterings to himself, but he was rather puzzled by it.

"Yeah." Jian Chen nodded. "The three rulers no longer pose a threat to the Peace region. The war in the Peace region should come to a conclusion very soon."

The Sword Emperor narrowed his eyes slightly, uncertain about what was going on.

"War has been raging constantly in the Peace region recently. It's severely affected the process of collecting Lifesoul Flowers. This works too. If the Peace region truly returns to peace, it'll be beneficial to my recovery," Jian Chen murmured. He smiled gently as if he had just imagined a wonderful sight.

At this moment, the Sword Emperor's expression changed. A message talisman appeared in his hand and he sent the senses of his soul in. A piece of news directly appeared in his head.

Suddenly, the Sword Emperor stiffened, blanking out. His eyes became the size of bells as his face was filled with disbelief.

The Sword Emperor was not the only one who received the news. All the Infinite Primes in every corner of the Peace region received the same piece of news at that moment.

Without any exception, everyone who received the news was shocked. Their faces were filled with disbelief.

The news from the jade talisman originated from the Jade Centre Domain and the Grand Heaven Domain. It was not very long, but it was without a doubt a bombshell to any expert in the Peace region.

In the courtyard of the Xia Merchant Union, the Sword Emperor's entire body trembled gently. He stared at Jian Chen and began to stutter, "Fellow Jian Chen, y-y-y-you've become the lord of the Peace region..."

The Sword Emperor had always viewed Jian Chen as a heavenly king, but he had never thought that Jian Chen was actually on par with rulers.

“Master deserves to have a territory of his own.” Xia Jianming seemed much more composed. He felt like everything made perfect sense.

He had also received the notice from the Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Heaven Domain. He was aware that the Peace region had a new master.

And this master was Jian Chen who sat in the wheelchair right before him!

Only Bai Yurou, who had broken through to the Primordial realm recently, was confused. She had no idea what had happened.

At this moment, ancestor Li walked into the courtyard. His expression was mixed, arriving before Jian Chen and bowing. “I, Li Jiangshan, pay my respects to the ruler!”

Ancestor Li’s action immediately made the Sword Emperor shudder, returning to his senses. He immediately stood next to ancestor Li with an expression full of respect, bowing deeply towards Jian Chen. “Junior Jian Feng pays respects to the ruler!”

Jian Chen waved his hand. “This isn’t necessary. I’ve never stressed these courteous details, so you don’t have to bother with it in the future.”

“How could we be so bold? We must obviously uphold these courtesies as you are the lord of the Peace region,” Li Jiangshan stressed.

At this moment, Bai Yurou finally understood what had happened. She immediately blanked out.

“Enough, enough. Go and do what you need to do. Give me some peace,” Jian Chen rubbed his temples and said to Li Jiangshan and Jian Feng.

“Then we’ll be taking our leave!” The Sword Emperor’s attitude towards Jian Chen completely changed. He bowed towards Jian Chen with Li Jiangshan before leaving the courtyard.

The news that someone now lorded over the Peace region spread through the entire Peace region like wildfire. In the beginning, only Primordial realm experts were qualified enough to know about this, but it was subsequently spread to their subordinates.

The news was passed down layer by layer. Very soon, everyone knew about the new ruler in the Peace region. It led to a tremendous upheaval.

All of the experts stationed in the Peace region from the Grand Heaven Domain and Jade Centre Domain withdrew under the orders of the two rulers. They completely handed the Peace region over to Jian Chen.

However, while they withdrew, the people of the Scarlet Blood Domain remained where they were.

At this moment, in the imperial city occupied by the Scarlet Blood Domain, the Blood Slaughter Ruler stood emotionlessly in a divine hall. Many experts of the Scarlet Blood Domain gathered beneath him.

“Sir, the people of the Jade Centre Domain and Grand Heaven Domain have all withdrawn. What do we do now? Please give us further instructions,” a Primordial realm expert asked with clasped hands.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler stood with his hands behind his back. His eyes shone coldly. He remained silent for a very long time before saying slowly, "The Peace region has never been something that Jade Heaven and Heaven Fighting can decide. Their decision doesn't represent me."

The Blood Slaughter Ruler waved his hand. A map of the Peace region immediately appeared. He pointed at approximately a third of the Peace region. "Before the Peace region was created, this region belonged to our Scarlet Blood Domain. Pass on the order to mobilise everyone and occupy this region."

"Yes, sir!"

### **Chapter 3329: Back in Action**

With the Blood Slaughter Ruler's order, the war in the Peace region immediately restarted.

This time, as there were no experts from the Grand Heaven Domain and the Jade Centre Domain to stop them. The Blood Slaughter Ruler presided over the matter personally, so the experts of the Scarlet Blood Domain rapidly occupied four imperial cities in an unstoppable manner.

The range of influence that fell under these four imperial cities spanned even more than a third of the Peace region.

However, the actions of the Scarlet Blood Domain were only limited to the four imperial cities. They did not lay their hands on the territory that fell under the five other imperial cities.

During this time, the Blood Slaughter Ruler did not return to the Scarlet Blood Domain. He personally watched over the Peace region, remaining highly vigilant the entire time.

In the courtyard of the Xia Merchant Union, Jian Chen sat back in a chair with his eyes shut. He casually rubbed his temples with one hand, thinking about something.

"Master, you've already become the ruler of the Peace region. Have you considered reforming the current situation of the Peace region?" Xia Jianming asked politely beside Jian Chen.

"Reforming the Peace region? Forget about it. I'm not interested. Let's just maintain the nine imperial cities." Jian Chen sighed. He only wanted to heal in the Wood Spirits World so that he returned to his peak condition as soon as possible. He was completely disinterested in these territories and organisations.

"Jade Heaven and Heaven Fighting have made me the lord of the Peace region, but to me, becoming the lord of the Peace region is just for the sake of convenience. It is only so that I can gather Lifesoul Flowers with greater ease," Jian Chen said without much regard.

"Master, there are almost no Lifesoul Flowers left in the Peace region now. Even around half of the Lifesoul Flowers in the Grand Heaven Domain and Jade Centre Domain have ended up in your possession. Only the Scarlet Blood Domain's supply of Lifesoul Flowers remains relatively abundant. However, in my opinion, according to master's tremendous demand for Lifesoul Flowers, even if you gather all the Lifesoul Flowers from the Scarlet Blood Domain, it still won't be enough."

"As a result, I've come up with an idea, which is for master to truly take control over the Peace region. Then we can gather the resources of the Peace region to set up spiritual fields so that you can plant Lifesoul Flowers en masse!"



“Only by farming Lifesoul Flowers en masse can we produce a steady supply for master’s demands,” said Xia Jianming.

“Gather all the resources of the Peace region to plant Lifesoul Flowers?” Jian Chen opened his eyes and considered it seriously for a while before smiling. “That’s not a bad idea, but I plan on paying a personal visit to the Jade Centre Domain, Grand Heaven Domain, and Scarlet Blood Domain soon. I want to see if I can gather all of the Lifesoul Flowers from the three domains. If it’s still not enough, I’ll have to use the Peace region to farm Lifesoul Flowers.”

Xia Jianming suddenly became extremely excited. He smiled from ear to ear. “Master, growing Lifesoul Flowers normally takes an extremely long amount of time, at least in the magnitude of tens of thousand years or even hundreds of thousand years. However, with so many resources, it’ll be possible to accelerate their growth through special methods. That way, you can drastically shorten their growing time.”

“However, my Xia Merchant Union is nowhere near enough to provide all these resources. The only way to sustain something like that is to control the entire Peace region and enforce great taxes on all professions and trades in the Peace region.”

Jian Chen nodded in agreement to what Xia Jianming had said. Xia Jianming’s Xia Merchant Union had unified the Peace region in a sense, but not all of the profits went to the Xia Merchant Union. They still had to pay a startling tax of ten percent to each imperial city.

Moreover, the contributions from the Xia Merchant Union only amounted to a very small component of each imperial city’s revenue. Their true source of revenue were all kinds of taxes across all trades and professions.

As a matter of fact, they would even derive income from cultivators entering the city and the amount of time they spent in the city by demanding them to pay a certain amount.

The contributions of a single cultivator did not seem like much, but the Peace region had a population in the billions, so the total would be extremely shocking.

“Looks like I really do have to place the nine imperial cities under my control. As long as I control the nine imperial cities, that’ll be equivalent to controlling the entire Peace region.” Jian Chen’s eyes shone coldly. His mentality seemed to have shifted slightly, such that it seemed like he had returned to the past when he fought and killed freely in the Saints’ World.

“Send Jian Feng to see me!” Jian Chen’s presence changed slightly. Earlier, he had shed all of his flair to be a regular person, but at this moment, he seemed like a precious sword that had been drawn from its sheath again. He was back in action.

Several seconds later, the Sword Emperor arrived before Jian Chen politely with all of his presence erased.

“I want to place the entire Peace region under my control!” Jian Chen’s gaze was no longer indifferent. Instead, he stared at the Sword Emperor brightly like a sword, giving off a sense of sharpness.

He did not ask for the Sword Emperor’s opinion. Instead, he expressed his will in an extremely direct manner.

Under Jian Chen's gaze, the Sword Emperor immediately shivered inside. The Jian Chen in the past seemed to be shrouded in mist, such that it was impossible to see him properly. He seemed like a regular person.

But at this moment, the Sword Emperor felt like he was facing an indomitable sword, not only giving him great pressure, but also making his body prick with pain. It felt like countless strands of sword Qi had descended on him.

The Sword Emperor could clearly tell this was Jian Chen forcing him to make a decision, whether to yield or to object.

If he yielded, then he would be a subject of Jian Chen's from now onwards.

If he objected...

"I am willing to serve the ruler like a horse!" The Sword Emperor immediately bowed deeply towards Jian Chen.

Earlier, when the Ceremonial Bell Heavenly King visited the imperial cities, he had already prepared himself to yield to the Scarlet Blood Domain. Now that he was yielding to a new ruler, it was not so unacceptable to the Sword Emperor.

"I am also willing to serve the ruler like a horse!" Shortly afterwards, ancestor Li was called over by the Sword Emperor as well, declaring his loyalty on the spot.

They were the two strongest Primordial realm experts in Sword Emperor city, and they had already yielded to Jian Chen.

"Jian Feng, contact all the Primordial realm experts in the Peace region immediately and have them gather here in three days' time. If they're absent, punish them all!" Jian Chen ordered the Sword Emperor.

"Yes!" The Sword Emperor accepted the order politely before recalling something. He became troubled. "Sir, I've just received news that four of the imperial cities have already fallen into the hands of the Scarlet Blood Domain. It'll be difficult to contact these four imperial cities."

"The Scarlet Blood Domain?" Jian Chen murmured. Cold light flashed through his eyes immediately. In the next moment, he disappeared from the courtyard, having left Sword Emperor city already.

"Master is probably going off to find the Blood Slaughter Ruler!" Xia Jianming said sternly as he watched Jian Chen vanish. He was slightly worried. The Blood Slaughter Ruler had become the greatest expert in the Wood Spirits World. He was already powerful enough to overwhelm both the Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler.

"C'mon, let's go and take a look!" The Sword Emperor's eyes shone with a strange light. He exchanged glances with ancestor Li and the two of them rushed into the sky at the same time, moving towards the region under the Scarlet Blood Domain's control as quickly as they could.

### **Chapter 3330: Threatening Blood Slaughter**

Magic Emperor city was one of the four imperial cities under the Scarlet Blood Domain's control. It also happened to be the imperial city closest to Sword Emperor city out of the four cities.

The person in control of the Scarlet Blood Domain, the Blood Slaughter Ruler, currently sat in a glorious divine hall inside Magic Emperor city. His eyes were shut. He seemed like he was cultivating.

"Blood Slaughter Ruler!"

At this moment, a deafening voice rang out, echoing through the entire city. The terrifying sound waves formed visible ripples, cracking many of the structures in the city.

Even the divine hall where the Blood Slaughter Ruler cultivated shook slightly under the sound waves.

The space above Magic Emperor city trembled and twisted. Terrifying Laws of Space wreaked havoc there, disturbing the stability of the space and producing spatial cracks everywhere.

Immediately, Magic Emperor city was enveloped in a spatial storm as if it could be swallowed at any moment.

The Wood Spirits gathered in Magic Emperor city were all startled. They looked up at the sky, like the world was ending!

In the divine hall, the Blood Slaughter Ruler suddenly snapped open his eyes. He was solemn as he sighed inside. "So he's come after all!"

In the next moment, the Blood Slaughter Ruler vanished. When he appeared again, he was already outside Magic Emperor city, facing Jian Chen from a hundred metres away.

Jian Chen hovered in the air in a seated position, staring emotionlessly at the Blood Slaughter Ruler. "Blood Slaughter Ruler, the Peace region is now under my control."

The Blood Slaughter Ruler stared deeply at Jian Chen. He felt extremely surprised, as right now, the feeling that Jian Chen gave him was completely different from the two previous times.

Whether it was on the demonic island out at sea or outside Sword Emperor city, the feeling that Jian Chen gave off had always been very approachable and friendly. He did not seem haughty at all.

But at this moment, he could clearly sense an aura of coldness and viciousness about Jian Chen.

As a matter of fact, the way he spoke and acted was even slightly overbearing.

That's right, overbearing. He was so overbearing that he did not even take the Blood Slaughter Ruler seriously.

In short, Jian Chen seemed like a different person altogether compared to before.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler frowned and said sternly, "Jian Chen, are you aware of the history of the Peace region?"

The Blood Slaughter Ruler continued, "In the past, the Wood Spirits World only had three domains, which was my Scarlet Blood Domain, Jade Heaven's Jade Centre Domain, and Heaven Fighting's Grand Heaven Domain. There was no such thing as the Peace region."

“During that time, our borders were connected, so countless skirmishes unfolded. It even showed signs of devolving into all-out war. Afterwards, in order to avoid large-scale conflicts between the three domains, we all gave up a part of our territory, which ended up as the Peace region.”

“As a result, the Peace region is actually territory that belongs to all three domains. Heaven Fighting and Jade Heaven have given the Peace region to you, but that only means they’re giving up their former territories.”

“I will not be giving you the part that originally belonged to my Scarlet Blood Domain.”

The Blood Slaughter Ruler’s presence rose and the pressure of a Second Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime radiated out. His gaze immediately turned into a glare as he said firmly, “Now, I am taking back the territory that belongs to my Scarlet Blood Domain. Don’t tell me you want to get in my way, Jian Chen?”

Jian Chen’s expression did not change at all. He said coldly, “I don’t care about the history of the Peace region. I only know that the nine imperial cities were in control of the Peace region in the past. Now, I want all of the territory that belongs to the nine imperial cities.”

“Don’t force me to do this, Jian Chen!” Anger rose up in the Blood Slaughter Ruler as he ground his teeth. He made no effort to hide the killing intent in his eyes.

Jian Chen sneered. “Everyone knows that I’m the lord of the Peace region now. Everyone knows that the Peace region has nine imperial cities. If I’m only in control of five imperial cities as the lord of the Peace region, what will others think of me? Blood Slaughter, I’m not forcing you to do anything. You’re the one who’s forcing me.”

The Blood Slaughter Ruler’s expression was ugly, staring straight at Jian Chen.

At that moment, he really was tempted to execute Jian Chen on the spot. With his eight ancestral imprints, he was extremely confident in being able to kill Jian Chen.

However, Jian Chen’s Profound Sword Qi left him wary, unafraid to actually move against him.

“Earlier, the Peace region meant nothing to me, but now, I’ve changed my mind. I want the Peace region. You have to give up the four imperial cities that your Scarlet Blood Domain has occupied.” Jian Chen was unrelenting.

At this moment, the Sword Emperor, ancestor Li, Xia Jianming, and Bai Yurou had only just arrived several thousand kilometres away. They did not get too close, instead choosing to watch from afar.

There were many other Primordial realm experts from the Scarlet Blood Domain watching from Magic Emperor city.

As a matter of fact, the Heaven Fighting Ruler and Jade Heaven Ruler who had been constantly paying attention to the Peace region rushed over as quickly as they could too. The two of them watched the situation closely from out of view, just in case Jian Chen was slain by the Blood Slaughter Ruler.

To them, Jian Chen was crucial for holding back the Blood Slaughter Ruler. Once Jian Chen perished, then the war in the Peace region would definitely begin again.

“And if I refuse?” the Blood Slaughter Ruler said seriously.

“Then I’ll be forced to fight. However, once that really happens, I’ll want far more than just the Peace region.” Jian Chen’s eyes shone coldly.

With that, the surroundings fell silent as if time had stopped.

Whether it was the experts of the Scarlet Blood Domain in Magic Emperor city or the Primordial realm experts on Jian Chen’s side in the distance, all of them sat at the edge of their seats.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler’s gaze became extremely cold. They were sharp like swords, staring straight at Jian Chen as if he had only just known him.

Jian Chen’s current behaviour bore absolutely no similarity to when he met him on the demonic island.

After a moment of silence, the Blood Slaughter Ruler said slowly, “Jian Chen, don’t overestimate your trump card and don’t underestimate me. Once you really use that trump card on me, you’ll lose your deterrent force. Do you think Jade Heaven and Heaven Fighting will spare you?”

“In other words, even if I perish, do you really think you’ll be able to obtain the Scarlet Blood Domain? No, because by then, the Scarlet Blood Domain won’t end up in your hands, but Jade Heaven and Heaven Fighting’s.”

The many Primordial realm experts from the Scarlet Blood Domain were all stern in Magic Emperor city. They obviously heard every word of the conversation between the Scarlet Blood Ruler and Jian Chen. Jian Chen had already issued so many threats, yet the Blood Slaughter Ruler did not directly fight with him, instead choosing to patiently explain the advantages and disadvantages involved to him despite his normal behaviour.

As such, they immediately realised that the Blood Slaughter Ruler was extremely fearful of this lord of the Peace region that had suddenly appeared.

He feared him even more than the Heaven Fighting Ruler and the Jade Heaven Ruler.

The Blood Slaughter Ruler was bold enough to directly clash with the Jade Heaven Ruler and the Heaven Fighting Ruler, but he refused to fight with the lord of the Peace region.

That left them all extremely shocked.

“I don’t care about what will happen in the future. I’m only asking you now whether you’re giving up the four imperial cities or not.” Jian Chen was unfazed. His expression gradually turned cold before he directly issued an ultimatum, “Blood Slaughter Ruler, I’ll give you half a minute to consider. After that, I’ll be taking action directly if your Scarlet Blood Domain still doesn’t return the four imperial cities.”

The Blood Slaughter Ruler said nothing. Instead, he squinted at Jian Chen. Even he was uncertain whether Jian Chen would actually use his final trump card against him.

Very soon, twenty-five seconds had already elapsed.

“You still have five seconds!” Jian Chen warned. His gaze changed, filled with coldness. He was already ready to kill.

If the Blood Slaughter Ruler refused to back down, he would not mind using the Profound Sword Qi to directly kill him.

It had already been over two months since he returned from the demonic island, so the Profound Sword Qi he had used up there had recovered a long time ago.

As a result, he currently possessed two strands of Profound Sword Qi, not one!