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Chapter 681: The Qinhuang Kingdom in Shock

Today, Changyang Ke took the initiative to seek out Jian Chen and apologize to him. It was in his hope that he could erase the unpleasantness that once happened between them before, but Jian Chen felt rather relieved to hear this apology nonetheless.

Afterwards, Jian Chen spent the next three days in Changyang Manor. The only times he had stepped out from the manor was when he went to visit Kendall's wife and son, Sans. The plight Sans was in had motivated Jian Chen's desire to become a Class 7 Radiant Saint Master as soon as possible.

This was because he came to learn of a way to help Sans cultivate again after his Saint Weapon was destroyed. All he had to do was to become a Class 7 Radiant Saint Master since only they could help a cripple regain the ability to cultivate.

Class 7 Radiant Saint Masters held an extraordinary powerful ability in their ability to heal. It was said that they could revive even the dead, and as long as the Class 7 Radiant Saint Master was strong enough. Therefore, treating a person who had their Saint Weapon destroyed was therefore no problem at all.

After the third day, a large group of people could be seen standing around in the main courtyards of Changyang Manor; even the king was there. One by one, they surrounded Jian Chen with eyes of reluctance. Today was the day that Jian Chen would be leaving, but everyone was unwilling to bid farewell to him just yet.

"Xiang'er, you've worked so hard recently; when you finish all that you need to do, you must come back home and stay even longer next time." Bi Yuntian urged her son with a great deal of reluctance.

"Xiang'er, you could let your subordinates deal with the smaller matters; there's no need to work so hard yourself." Changyang Ba spoke.

"Xiangtian..."

The elders of the Changyang clan and the king of the Gesun Kingdom began to give their own well-meaning opinions and advice to him. As it were, it seemed as if they were extremely concerned for Jian Chen as well.

While Jian Chen was a Saint Ruler, he did not grow arrogant because of it. He still treated his seniors with respect and listened dutifully to their words with a nod of his head whenever they said something.

It was at this moment Yu Fengyan came forward to grab at Jian Chen's hands. Pleading with him, she spoke, "Xiang'er, there hasn't been any news or correspondence with your second sister up to now. We know nothing about her whereabouts; with your strength, Xiang'er, your second aunt hopes that you'll be able to spend some time looking for her. She's the only daughter your second aunt has."

Jian Chen's face grew grim. Looking to his second aunt, he promised, "Second aunt, you can rest assured. I'll do my best to find the whereabouts of second sister."

Jian Chen felt very worried when it came to the disappearance of his second sister. When he was young, the only other person that cared for him besides his mother was Changyang Mingyue. Her concern for him had even exceeded his own father.

"Xiang'er, I can feel at ease now. I can only hope that my silly Mingyue will come back home safe and sound by my side." Yu Fengyan spoke. Her complexion was rather unwell due to the pain she felt in her heart. She was already prepared for the worst to happen, the only thing she needed now was the evidence.

After bidding farewell to the people in the Changyang Manor, he left together with his grandfather Bi Hai. After all, he had only returned this time to confirm his grandfather's identity. There were still many things that needed to be dealt with for the Flame Mercenaries, so Jian Chen really could not stay for too long.

Jian Chen originally wanted Bi Hai to stay in the Changyang Manor. However, Bi Hai had already gotten used to spending his time peacefully in the past few years, so he really was not used to the noisy environment of Changyang Manor. This was why he went with Jian Chen to the Flame Mercenaries. Also, there were a few other Saint Rulers there, so if he ever became bored, at least he still had some people to talk to.

Jian Chen and Bi Hai travelled together, using Spatial Force to soar through the high sky. They travelled quickly towards where the Flame Mercenaries were.

In the royal palace of the Qinhuang Kingdom, the king currently sat casually on the throne; before him stood a young man clad in silver armor.

"Wujian, didn't you stay in Gesun Kingdom? Why did you come back? Looking at how exhausted you are, it should be travel fatigue. Perhaps something major happened in Gesun Kingdom?" The king of Qinhuang Kingdom said amiably and with a smile.

"Your Majesty, Wujian really does have something extremely important to report to this time. A few days ago, Imperial Protector Jian Chen has already successfully broken through to Saint Ruler from a Heaven Saint Master." On the tired face of the young man, there was a slight smile. It was obvious that he was filled with joy.

"What, Jian Chen has already successfully become a Saint Ruler!" The king suddenly stood up, and stared at the young man in disbelief.

"Yes Your Majesty, Imperial Protector has really become a Saint Ruler. He was also accompanied by rainbow clouds which blot out the sky within a fifty thousand kilometer radius. He's caused a great shock wave in that area." Speaking up to there, the young man paused slightly before continuing, "In addition, the Imperial Protector's grandfather has suddenly appeared, who is also a powerful Saint Ruler."

The king did not really care about the sudden appearance of Jian Chen's grandfather. At this moment, he was deeply shocked by the news of Jian Chen becoming a Saint Ruler.

“How is this possible! Jian Chen has actually already become a Saint Ruler. Unbelievable. Just look at how old he is right now.” The king mumbled with a distracted expression. Although he seemed calm, great waves currently rippled through his heart.

Before, the news that Jian Chen was already a Heaven Saint Master before the age of fifty had already caused him enough shock. Now, only after a few years, he had already improved from a Heaven Saint Master to a Saint Ruler. With such an improvement speed, it really would cause people to be terrified.

“I’ll immediately go report it to the four honorable Imperial Protectors.” The king did not dare to delay this in the slightest and immediately left, hurrying towards the Qin Heaven Palace.

Not long after the king had left, another burly middle-aged man in golden armor walked in from outside.

“Hmm? So it’s the head of the royal palace guards, Audro. Perhaps there is something that needs to be reported to the king for you to come here?” Seeing the middle-aged man, Qin Wujian revealed a smile of familiarity.

“Qin Wujian, so it’s you. Didn’t you go to the Gesum Kingdom with the Imperial Protector? Perhaps you three have all come back from there?” Audro and Qin Wujian clearly had a good relationship. He spoke with some surprise.

Qin Wujian shook his head and said, “That’s not true. I returned this time because I have some important news to report to His Majesty. I won’t be staying too long in the imperial palace. What about you, Audro? Perhaps you have important news to report? If I recall correctly, the position as the head of the imperial palace guards is a very simple and easy job, since it’s already been several centuries since something last happened in the palace.”

Audro’s expression slowly grew more solemn and said, “Correct. For the past centuries in the imperial palace, it indeed has been safe. But it’s different now. Recently, I have constantly received reports from my subordinates that there are actually people who go missing for no reason in our imperial palace, such as palace maids, eunuchs, and even several dozen guards who work under me, including a captain with the strength of a Earth Saint Master. They disappeared as if they were water evaporating away. With my strength, no matter how I investigate, I can’t find their whereabouts. Don’t you think this is weird?”

“What, there’s actually been something this weird happening?” Qin Wujian muttered to himself with his eyebrows slightly raised out of shock. Afterwards, he said, “It’s not hard to explain why things like this have been occurring, that is if they occurred in smaller kingdoms. But for it to actually occur in the heavily-guarded imperial palace of our Qinhuang Kingdom, it’s rather astounding. After all, there are the four Imperial Protectors overseeing the imperial palace. Even the slightest movements would not escape from the four of them.”

“Yeah, I also feel it’s weird. I’ve looked into this matter for several days already, but I haven’t found anything. This is why I can only report it to His Majesty.”

“Unfortunately, you came a little late. His Majesty has just proceeded towards the Qin Heaven Palace. Audro, you’ll have to wait a little.”

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In the grand Qin Heaven Palace of the royal palace, the four, most-respected Imperial Protectors gathered together. They sat around a large square table, and not far away, the king stood obediently. He did not carry the imposing awe he normally possessed, and maintained a respectful expression.

“Are you serious, has Jian Chen really broken through to a Saint Ruler?” An Imperial Protector opened his mouth to ask. His expression was solemn, and he clearly cared about this very much.

The king replied respectfully, “Replying to Imperial Protector, this is the news brought back by Qin Wujian who has been stationed to Gesun Kingdom. He is completely certain that Jian Chen is already a Saint Ruler. Also, at that time, rainbow clouds had even appeared, blotting the skies of a fifty thousand kilometer radius.”

“Since the rainbow clouds have appeared, a Saint Ruler has definitely been born. Looks like Jian Chen really has become a Saint Ruler.” An Imperial Protector said.

“But just how old is he right now? Just a few years ago, he participated in the Gathering of the Mercenaries in Mercenary City, so just how did he become a Saint Ruler so quickly? This is just insane.”

“He’s not even fifty. Actually climbing to the realm of Saint Rulers with such a young age. This indeed is unbelievable. Now that Jian Chen has already become a Saint Ruler, do you think we should tell him this? With his support, our Qinhuang Kingdom should increase quite a lot in strength.”

“Last time Jian Chen returned, there also seemed to be another powerful Saint Ruler and a Class 7 magical beast who followed him. This is a strength that we must value. In my opinion, we indeed should tell this to Jian Chen. Perhaps, we will gain three extra Saint Rulers today because of this.”

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“Yes. If we have three Saint Rulers join us, our power will increase a lot. We just don’t know what relationship Jian Chen exactly has with the two, and whether he can pull them towards our Qinhuang Kingdom. Perhaps they are unwilling to interfere in this matter.”

Listening to the conversation between the four Imperial Protectors, the king hesitated slightly. He then spoke carefully, “Four Imperial Protectors, I have heard that Jian Chen has connections with the higher levels of authority in Mercenary City. Perhaps we should speak with Jian Chen, and see if we can borrow his connection with them to get Mercenary City to help us. As soon as they stand to our side, I believe the problem that we are about to face will cease to exist, and those above us will also view us with a new light.”

The four Imperial Protectors shook their head simultaneously and turned down the king’s suggestion without any second thought. One of the Imperial Protectors said, “I don’t really understand Mercenary City. The connection that Jian Chen has with the authority of Mercenary City is just a rumor and does not seem to be true. Also, even if Jian Chen really does have a connection with them, Mercenary City will definitely not help us.”

“Yes. In the eyes of normal mercenaries, perhaps it is just a city, just a place where mercenaries gather. However, in reality, Mercenary City plays a role of guarding the Tian Yuan Continent that not many people know of. They definitely won’t intervene in any battles on the Tian Yuan Continent, much less help anyone rise in power. They will only formally intervene if a large-scale battle erupts on the

continent, so our idea of requesting help from them definitely won't work. It's all the same, whether Jian Chen has any connections at all with Mercenary City." An Imperial Protector said.

"Junior understands, and thanks the Imperial Protectors' teachings." The king said with great respect and his hand clasped.

"Enough. Our conversation about Jian Chen will stop here for now. After you go back, immediately order people to send a message to Jian Chen, and ask him to come visit the Qinhuang Empire some time. We can talk about this with him at that time." An Imperial Protector said.

"Yes, as soon as Junior goes back, Junior will order people to contact Imperial Protector Jian Chen. Junior will first excuse himself." The king slowly withdrew.

"Sigh, who would have thought that Jian Chen has already become a Saint Ruler. If he continues with his unbelievable speed, perhaps he'll only need a few centuries to reaching an even higher realm at most, becoming a Saint King. "After the king had left, an Imperial Protector could not help but give off a sigh of surprise again.

"His talent really is unprecedented. Jian Chen's future accomplishments will be so great that even we will not be able to imagine it. Perhaps, he will directly catch up to the unrivalled Mo Tianyun. I even suspect Jian Chen might be a reincarnation of Mo Tianyun.

"If he matures successfully, he will definitely become a venerated Saint Emperor. It's already been such a long time since the Tian Yuan Continent has produced a Saint Emperor. It's about time for one to appear."

"If Jian Chen becomes a Saint Emperor, our Qinhuang Kingdom will also be benefited greatly. We can directly become an existence equal to the Three Great Empires, or even surpass the Three Great Empires."

"We four need to properly foster our relationship with Jian Chen. If we don't start now, perhaps it will be too late..."

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In the imperial city of Qinhuang Kingdom, in an inn less than ten kilometers away from the imperial palace, a burly middle-aged man currently laid on a bed with his chest bare and eyes tightly closed.

Suddenly, the middle-aged man snapped open his eyes. As soon as he opened his eyes, two rays of visible light shot out from his eyes. They pierced two finger-sized holes in the wooden ceiling.

The middle-aged man sat up without any prior warning and could not help but reveal a smile on his fierce-looking face. However, the smile was sinister.

"Jian Chen, I finally know where you've gone. So it turns out you've been hiding in a place called Gesun Kingdom, which was why it's been so difficult to find news about you." The middle-aged man's slowly blurred, and in the blink of an eye, he disappeared from the tightly-shut room.

Somewhere else in the imperial city, the bare-chested, middle-aged man walked into a rather large store. He threw a bag full of glittering purple coins onto the counter and said expressionlessly,

“Immediately give me the most detailed map of Tian Yuan Continent. Remember, I want the largest, the most detailed map.”

Seeing so many purple coins, the shopkeeper’s eyes became green with greed. He hurriedly collected the bag full of purple coins and said, “Okay, okay. Customer, please wait. I will go and get the best map for you right now.” Before he had even finished speaking, the shopkeeper turned to leave. Very quickly, he returned with a scroll as long as a man, and said with an enchanting smile, “Customer, this is our store’s largest, clearest and most detailed map. It records the geography of half of the Tian Yuan Continent.

The man opened the long scroll as soon as he received it. The scroll was very large, and when completely unravelled, it was five metres long. On it were mountains and rivers, all very detailed.

The man scanned across the map swiftly and forcefully with his gaze. After a while, he revealed a cold smile, before collecting the map and leaving.

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After several hours of travel, Jian Chen and Bi Hai finally returned to the Flame Mercenaries. Just when they approached the royal palace, Jubis, Jiede Tai, Huang Tianba and the other three sensed them, and were already floating high up in the air to welcome them.

“Hahahaha, Jian Chen, so the activity a few days ago was indeed caused by you. Who would have thought that after a few days of not seeing each other, you’ve already become a Saint Ruler. Back then when you were still a Heaven Saint Master, it was already very hard for me to suppress you. Now that you’ve broken through, perhaps even I, the great Nubis, cannot be your opponent.” Nubis found out that Jian Chen had already become a Saint Ruler with a glance, and immediately became happy for Jian Chen.

Jiede Tai, who stood beside Nubis, looked at Jian Chen with a complicated expression. He was very shocked. Although he had already predicted that Jian Chen had already become a Saint Ruler, he still felt great shock when he really thought about it.

He was someone who knew very well that only a few years ago, Jian Chen was still a weak Earth Saint Master. Only so much time had passed from then, and Jian Chen had actually overcome the difficulties along the way from an Earth Saint Master, breaking through to a Saint Ruler with devastating speed. It was just too unbelievable.

“Hahaha, who would have thought that little brother Jian Chen has indeed become a Saint Ruler. Congratulations! I believe not too long in the future, little brother Jian Chen will become a Saint Emperor that even I can only dream of.” Huang Tianba laughed aloud. He was extremely happy.

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Jian Chen said a few words to Huang Tianba, Nubis and Jiede Tai before introducing Bi Hai to everyone. He did not try to cover up the fact that Bi Hai was his grandfather to the three.

Huang Tianba and the other two already knew that Jian Chen had a connection to Bi Hai a few days ago, so when they heard the truth, they were not too surprised. They only constantly sighed, sighing how

there just was nothing too strange in such a large world. Who would have thought that a few days ago, the two who were still enemies actually had such a close relationship.

“Hahaha, it’ll be great now. In the future, everyone will be one of our own. Now that brother Jian Chen’s group is becoming more and more powerful, normal hermit clans will no longer pose a threat to the Flame Mercenaries.” Huang Tianba laughed aloud, and seemed extremely happy.

Hearing that, Jian Chen also revealed a smile on his face. With the current strength of the Flame Mercenaries, he clearly was also very happy.

“Let’s talk after we go down.” Jian Chen called out to the group, before landing on the ground at the same time.

In a magnificently decorated room, Jian Chen, Bi Hai, Nubis, Jiede Tai, Huang Tianba, Ming Dong, Huang Luan and others currently gathered there in a big group. The news of Jian Chen becoming a Saint Ruler had also been announced by Huang Tianba, so all of Jian Chen’s friends knew about it.

“Brother, have you really become a Saint Ruler?” Ming Dong was the first one who could not hold it back, so he asked. He was moved.

Jian Chen did not deny it, and confirmed with a smile and a nod.

After receiving confirmation, the crowd was first stunned, before falling into a great uproar.

“Woah, fantastic! Brother, you are now a powerful hermit. You are just too awesome.” Bi Lian’s ecstatic face was flushed red. Beside her, the two girls, Huang Luan and You Yue were also excited, and looked at Jian Chen gently.

“This is just too unbelievable. It has only been so long since the previous Gathering of Mercenaries has finished, yet the current King of Mercenaries is already a powerful Saint Ruler. It’s unimaginable.” Wang Yufeng carried a young Steelwing Bird in his bosom; he could not help but sigh with surprise.

“Jian Chen, my gap with you is getting bigger and bigger. It looks like it’ll be very difficult from me to catch up with you in this lifetime.” Tie Ta looked at Jian Chen with a complicated expression and said with a pained smile. Thinking back when they were still in Kargath Academy, although his strength was not as great as Jian Chen, it was almost the same. However, only after a few years, Jian Chen had already become a Saint Ruler, reaching a great level where he had no hope of catching up. This also caused the simple and honest Tie Ta to be filled with disbelief.

Jian Chen brought his hands together and said, “Enough. Everyone please quiet for a moment. I have something very important to announce. The person next to me is my grandfather, who is also a powerful Saint Ruler.”

These people were all Jian Chen’s most trusted people, so to them, Jian Chen did not conceal the identity of Bi Hai. Instead, he made it known to everyone that there was an additional Saint Ruler on their side, which could instead increase morale.

Hearing this, the people who did not have a great understanding of Jian Chen’s background actually did not react too greatly, and only felt excited because of an additional Saint Ruler. However, You Yue knew Jian Chen’s background and was instead filled with doubt. Excluding Jian Chen, she was the only person

in the crowd that had a relative understanding to the people in the Changyang Manor. She felt astonished by the fact that a Saint Ruler grandfather had suddenly appeared by Jian Chen's side.

Suddenly, You Yue seemed to remember something. Her expression was full of surprise, and looked at Bi Hai with shock. She asked, "Perhaps this senior is the lost-lost ancestor of the Changyang clan?"

Jian Chen shook his head. Staring at You Yue, he said, "Yue'er, I'll explain this to you later. Lian'er, come with me, brother and grandfather have some things that we want to say to you in private."

"Yes!" Bi Lian nodded her head obediently. At first, she glanced suspiciously at Bi Hai who was in long, blue robes. Afterwards, under everyone's curious gaze, she followed behind Jian Chen into another room. Under Jian Chen's indication, Bi Hai also went with him.

After the three entered the room, Jian Chen swung his hand, and a breeze closed the door. Afterwards, he turned around to look at Bi Hai and said, "Grandfather, this is my younger sister, Bi Lian. She is also a person of the Bi family, with the blood of our Bi family running in her veins. Currently, she is one of the few remaining members." After saying that, he turned around to speak to Bi Lian, "Lian'er, this is the patriarch of our Bi family. Why don't you quickly call him grandfather!"

"Grandfather!" Bi Lian called out obediently. Meanwhile, her clear gaze which was full of complicated emotions examined Bi Hai. As for this grandfather, she had heard about the situation in detail from Bi Yuntian long ago, and already knew that he had been missing for several years. She just never thought it would actually be his older brother who would find him again.

Bi Hai had a kind smile on his face, and Bi Lian's gaze became soft. He had once spent thirty odd years in a dark cave, passing the days all by himself. As a result, he now showed great concern and care for all his grandsons and granddaughters.

"Good, good, good. Who would have thought that I, Bi Hai, would have another great-granddaughter, who also happens to possess a great talent for cultivation that is even rarely seen in a thousand years. Not bad at all, looks like the heavens is helping my Bi family to flourish. Without much time, my Bi family can regain its former glory." Bi Hai smiled without restraint. He was extremely excited.

"Great-granddaughter, your brother has already become a Saint Ruler, so he doesn't need your grandfather's guidance anymore at all. As for you, you should follow your grandfather in the future. Your grandfather will personally guide you through your cultivation, and you will be able to avoid many long-winding bends in the path of cultivation, which will save you from wasting your great talent." Bi Hai said to Bi Lian gently.

However, what surprised Bi Hai was that Bi Lian actually denied his good intentions and said, "Grandfather, Lian'er wants to stay here to help brother do somethings, to help brother bear the burden of the pressure. Lian'er does not want to leave."

"Lian'er, you don't need to worry about the matters of the Flame Mercenaries too much. You mustn't let these miscellaneous things interfere with your cultivation. Only cultivation is the most important, because on the Tian Yuan Continent, only strength can represent everything. You should give the responsibilities to other people. You don't need to toil about yourself." Jian Chen persuaded.

Bi Lian resolutely shook her head, and looked at Jian Chen imploringly. She said, "Brother, Lian'er extremely likes to do these things. You should just let Lian'er do it. Please don't turn away Lian'er. Lian'er and sister You Yue will manage the Flame Mercenaries very well together. Also, Lian'er will ensure you that it definitely will not interfere with cultivation."

Seeing Bi Lian's pleadings, Jian Chen temporarily did not know just what to choose. He just loved his sister too much, and really did not want to force her to do something she was unwilling to do. He could only secretly sigh.

"Whatever, since great-granddaughter is so determined, grandfather will not force you. In the future, grandfather will just stay here and will guide great-granddaughter when she has the time." Bi Hai did not force Bi Lian in the end.

The situation was now different from before. Before, he had several grandchildren under him, and did not need to purposely care for anybody. However now, he currently only had four grandchildren, so he needed to increase his care, completely changing his unconcerned nature from before.

After the three had finished speaking, they left the room. Afterwards, he chatted a little with the people outside. As he conversed with them, Huang Tianba walked to Jian Chen and said, "Brother Jian Chen, I have some things that I wish you can help me with."

Jian Chen chuckled and said, "Senior Huang does not need to be polite. If senior has anything that requires Jian Chen, feel free to mention it. Jian Chen will definitely provide assistance."

Huang Tianba's smile had already completely disappeared. He looked at Jian Chen solemnly and said, "I wonder if brother Jian Chen still remembers about the Hongfu clan I mentioned before."

Jian Chen felt a tug of interest, and could vaguely guess what Huang Tianba was suggesting. He said, "Of course. The Hongfu clan is the nemesis clan of the Huang Family, with the enmity reaching a level that can no longer be resolved. If Jian Chen guesses correctly, Senior Huang should be wanting to move against the Hongfu clan."

Huang Tianba did not deny it and said, "Correct. Our Huang Family and the Hongfu clan have always caused trouble to one another, and have always wanted to end each other. However, the strength of our two groups have always been extremely close, with neither of us able to suppress the other. Even if we fought it out, the outcome would be both sides suffering defeats, with us ourselves suffering the most losses in the end. As a result, the hatred between the two groups has always continued up to now, unable to be resolved. However, this time, I wish that brother Jian Chen can work with me and obliterate the Hongfu clan. That would save troubles from undue delays, just in case any unforeseen changes happen"

Jian Chen could not help but remember the Ruler Armament wielded by the Saint Ruler of the Hongfu clan from before. He could not help but reveal a smile, and he said, "Senior Huang's business is also my business. Also, the Hongfu clan played a part in regards to what happened with the tungsten alloy mine, so speaking of which, they are also enemies of me. Senior Huang, you do not need to worry, Jian Chen will definitely help you end the Hongfu clan."

"If it's like that, it'll be fabulous. With brother Jian Chen's help, the Hongfu clan will no longer possess the power to fight against our Huang Family." Huang Tianba laughed aloud.

Jian Chen hesitated slightly and then said, "Senior Huang, it's just that junior has a bold request. junior wishes for senior to permit it."

"Haha, brother Jian Chen, you don't need to worry at all. Go ahead and say it." Huang Tianba said straightforwardly.

"I recall that the Hongfu clan has two Ruler Armaments, with one of them being a sword. I am interested in this sword, so junior wishes that after what we do, senior Huang can give the Ruler Armament to me." Jian Chen said.

"No problem, no problem at all. As long as the two Saint Rulers of the Hongfu clan fall, I wouldn't want any of the two Ruler Armaments. They can all go to brother Jian Chen." Huang Tianba said extremely generously. Although Ruler Armaments were very valuable, having many was not necessarily good. This was because for every Ruler Armament, an additional amount of power was needed to guard it. One was already enough for the Huang Family.

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"Senior, I'll entirely listen to you as to how we handle the Hongfu clan. I just wonder when we will move against the Hongfu clan?" Jian Chen said.

Huang Tianba paused for a little while before saying, "Every day the Hongfu clan exists is another day where my Huang family will be not be at ease. Brother Jian Chen, in my opinion, it's better if we handle it sooner. I just worry that if we drag it out for too long, unexpected changes might happen."

"Since it's like that, we should just act now. With our current strength, handling the Hongfu clan is a piece of cake, and it won't take up much time at all." Jian Chen said. He seemed to be even more anxious than Huang Tianba.

Huang Tianba revealed an overjoyed expression, and nodded several times, "It's best like that. We should get going."

Jian Chen turned around and look at the crowd. He called out, "Nubis, Jiede Tai, come over here."

Jiede Tai and Nubis glanced at Jian Chen suspiciously, and then walked over doubtfully.

"How many times have I told you, call me the great Nubis. Just why don't you listen. Whatever, who told you to have such abnormal talent. I, the great Nubis, am magnanimous, so I won't bicker over these small things with a brat like you. Speak, just what have you called the great Nubis over for?" Arriving before Jian Chen, Nubis curled his lip and said unhappily.

After hearing what Nubis had said, Jian Chen and Huang Tianba could not help but laugh out involuntarily. Nubis just regarded the word 'great' with too great of an importance.

"Nubis, weren't you unhappy that you could not enjoy yourself to the fullest with the fight a few days ago? Come with us in a while, there'll soon be another battle to fight." Jian Chen said.

Nubis was a magical beast. Even though he was in human form and that he seemed completely just like a human, his love for battle that flowed in his veins could not be changed no matter what. The moment he heard there would be another fight, he could not control himself and immediately became overjoyed. He said excitedly, "Your human world is just too marvelous. I once stayed in the Cross

Mountains, and would only meet an opponent after hundreds of years. Ever since I followed you into the human world, there's been fights practically everyday. Only now have I, the great Nubis, realised how smart of a choice it was to follow you into the world of humans." Speaking up to there, Nubis seemed to have realised something. His expression changed slightly, and said to Jian Chen, "Jian Chen you youngster, I, the great Nubis, must warn you beforehand that you definitely cannot find those abnormally powerful opponents for me. I can forcefully handle Saint Rulers of the Sixth Heavenly Layer. If the opponent's strength is in the Seventh Heavenly Layer or has exceeded that, you can't blame me for ditching you and running off all by myself. Fighting against such strong opponents is just suicide. There's no chance in winning. Even with a Ruler Armament, it's impossible." Speaking to the end, Nubis glanced at Huang Tianba, intentionally or otherwise.

Huang Tianba chuckled, "Nubis... the great Nubis, your worry is completely unnecessary. This time, our opponents will not be too strong. The two will only have strength of the Third Heavenly Layer. It's just that we need to pay attention to the fact that they have two Ruler Armaments."

"What? The two both have Ruler Armaments?" Nubis stared blankly slightly, and then unwarily spat out, "Are they be the two old men who escaped a few days ago?"

"Correct, it's the two of them!" Huang Tianba said.

Nubis revealed a soft smile and said, "Then no problem. With their strength, I can even handle three at once. However, they have Ruler Armaments. The strength of those things cannot be ignored and cannot be casually hit by one of them. I'll be responsible for keeping one busy. You two can handle the other one."

"Great! If we want to kill the other one, it'll be extremely easy if brother Jian Chen and I work together." Huang Tianba seemed very happy. The unresolved hatred of the Huang family for the Hongfu clan was finally going to disappear. Not only could the Huang family lead lives of no worry in the future, it would also relieve a great burden from the old man who held the highest status in the Huang family.

"Nubis, you come with Senior Huang and me this time. Jiede Tai, you can stay here to keep watch." Jian Chen quickly allocated the positions of his subordinates. He did not get Jiede Tai to go along because it was completely unnecessary. Also, against an opponent with a Ruler Armament, if Jiede Tai fought, he would just be more of a hindrance than help, unable to use his strength to the fullest.

Afterwards, Jian Chan bid farewell to the group of people, and left together with Huang Tianba and Nubis. They directly headed towards the Hongfu clan.

Several thousand kilometres away from the Flame Mercenaries, there was a magical beast forest that took up an area of several thousand square kilometers. Even though the magical beast forest was on the Tian Yuan Continent, it was a medium-sized magical beast forest, not only because there were many magical beasts, but also because there were many Class 5 magical beasts. According to rumors, in the deepest parts of the magical forest, there were even Class 6 magical beasts, akin to human Saint Heaven Masters.

There were many countries of different sizes surrounding the forest. Every day, there would be large numbers of mercenaries who would enter the outskirts of the first to kill some low class magical beasts to support their families. Of course, there were also some Earth Saint Master who brag about their

strength and enter the depths of the forest in attempt to hunt a Class 5 magical beast. However, without any exception whatsoever, all the Earth Saint Masters would enter unharmed and leave heavily injured. There was actually no one who had succeeded in killing a Class 5 magical beast.

As for powerful Heaven Saint Masters, there were some people who had once worked together in attempt to hunt a Class 6 magical beast. However, they all returned not long after. After that, no one ever entered the deeper parts of the magical beast forest, nor would they ever mention what was inside.

This was because in the deepest parts of the magical beast forest concealed a secret, mysterious clan. The strength of this mysterious clan had once caused all the Heaven Saint Masters heading into the deepest parts of the magical beast forest to pale, because the clan possessed a strength so great that it could completely, and easily, wipe out several of the surrounding countries, even though it had so few people.

In the deepest parts of the magical beast forest, there was a manor completely built out of white marble. At this moment, three people gathered together in a completely-sealed, secret room of the manor.

“In-law, this time, our Hongfu clan has met an unprecedented feeling of danger. You must help our Hongfu clan survive through this threat. After it, I am willing to give the Dragon Slaying Sword to your Yan family.” An elderly man in long, white robes requested while he sat before a middle-aged man.

Chapter 685: The Yan Family Patriarch

After hearing what the white-robed old man had said, a sliver of interest flashed across the middle-aged man’s eyes. However, he quickly concealed it and said helplessly, “Jin Tian, Jin Feng, this time, I can only apologise. Jian Chen actually has the grand elder of Mercenary City supporting him from behind and even the two ancient clans aren’t his opponents, let alone my small Yan family. Please forgive me for being incapable of action.”

The middle-aged man was the patriarch of the Yan family, as well as the only Saint Ruler of the Yan family. His strength had already reached the peak of the Fourth Heavenly Layer, and was stronger than either one of the Saint Rulers from the Hongfu clan.

“In-law, regarding Jian Chen, you do not need to worry at all. Although I don’t know what relationship Jian Chen has with Huang Tianba, but other than offending Jian Chen because of the tungsten alloy mine, we have no other animosity. I believe that just by this, it is not enough for Jian Chen to antagonise my Hongfu clan enmity. As long as the two of us personally visit him and apologise some time, it should be able to clear off any enmity created a few days ago, transforming our hostility into friendship. What really makes my Hongfu clan worried is Huang Tianba. The hatred between the Huang family and my Hongfu clan was formed by people of the previous generation. Although we two groups have not had any large-scale clashes in the recent years, we still have constant small conflicts in secret. Both sides have suffered losses, so as a result, the hatred between us has become very deep, which cannot be resolved peacefully at all. This time, if in-law helps me wipe out the Huang family, I will gift my Dragon Slaying Sword to you.” The Saint Ruler of the Hongfu clan, Jin Tian, said. As soon as he finished speaking, a metre-long sword with a width of two fingers appeared in his hand. The entire sword was covered in a layer of hazy, glimmering light, and a blurry image of the sword could be vaguely seen through the layer.

The entire sword was veined, and if it was looked at closely, the veins actually hegemonic, flying black dragon.

The Yan family patriarch's interest was indeed piqued. He hesitated for a while, but still declined in the end. He said, "Perhaps the matter is not as easy as you have thought. According to my investigations, a girl from the Huang family was originally engaged to the Huanggu clan, but afterwards, it was because of the appearance of Jian Chen that the Huang family personally cancelled it. As a result, I feel that Jian Chen and the Huang family's relationship is more complicated than you have imagined. My Yan family definitely cannot intervene in this. There is the grand elder of Mercenary City supporting Jian Chen from behind, and he seems to also have some connections with the ancient Tianmu clan. Also, considering how terrifying his talent is, he is someone my Yan family cannot afford to offend."

"In-law..." The two Saint Rulers of the Hongfu clan became worried. Just as Jin Feng attempted to persuade him, he was cut off by the patriarch of the Yan family.

"Jin Tian, Jin Feng, you should stop persuading me anymore. I know very well as to how much my Yan family can do. The relationship between Jian Chen and the Huang family is complicated, and they may even have treated you as a common enemy. My Yan family definitely cannot intervene. Today, I have come personally to visit because I have something very important to tell the two of you. The engagement between our two families is cancelled. From today onwards, our two families will go their separate way. Matters regarding your Hongfu clan have nothing to do with my Yan family anymore." The patriarch said.

The expressions of the two Hongfu clan Saint Rulers simultaneously became extremely ugly. They did not that that not only did they fail to pull the Yan family in to face an enemy, they had instead cut off their relationship with the Yan family. This was extremely unfavorable for the Hongfu clan.

"Yan Zhengnan, you came today to cancel the engagement?" Jin Tian's expression was unpleasant.

The Yan family patriarch sighed. He had an expression of helplessness and said quietly, "I wish you can understand, my Yan family still needs to survive."

"Jin Tian, Jin Feng, why don't the two of you come out quickly. Today, the enmity between my Huang family and your Hongfu clan will reach an utter conclusion." Suddenly, a loud and clear voice pierced through various obstacles to clearly resound in the room. The sound wave was so strong that it had caused the entire secret room to slightly tremble.

"It's Huang Tianba that old bastard's voice. He actually came knocking on our door personally." The expression of the two Saint Rulers became extremely unpleasant. The Hongfu clan and the Huang family had been locked in a stalemate for countless years, and during that time, neither of them dared to allow any large-scale conflicts to erupt. This was because the strength of the two groups were very similar, and once they began fighting, no one had confidence in absolute victory. However today, Huang Tianba actually showed up on his own accord. Even without thinking, they knew he definitely brought foreign aid and was extremely confident.

"Looks like my visit today really was untimely." The Yan family patriarch said with some remorse, before immediately leaving the secret room.

Outside the Hongfu clan manor, the originally-peaceful manor immediately became bustling with noise after Huang Tianba's loud declaration. Over a thousand Hongfu clan members gathered outside, with each one raising their head to look at the three people who floated high up in the air. They all talked about it, and many of them were filled with terror.

"They're people of the Huang family. They've come for revenge."

"The people of the Huang family have actually come, and called out the names of the two great elders. They must be powerful Saint Rulers."

"Quick, go report it to the patriarch..."

"The ancestor of the Huang family has come himself. What use is there reporting it to the patriarch? Hurry up and get the two great elders."

"Hurry up and give the orders, make the entire clan take guard. The Huang family wants to battle with our Hongfu clan. They definitely brought a lot of people."

The comments made by the members of the Hongfu clan mixed with the commands several higher-ranking people, which caused the entire manor to fall into a hubub. The groups of people in the manor moved about, with all the powerful members heading off in all directions, to prevent the invasion of a large number of troops.

Closely afterwards, three people flew out from the back of the Hongfu clan manor. Their speed was extremely quick, so with only a flash, they had traversed several kilometers and appeared high up in the sky, opposite of Jian Chen, Nubis and Huang Tianba.

The three people were the two Saint Rulers of the Hongfu clan and the Yan family patriarch. However, when the two Saint Rulers from the Hongfu clan saw Jian Chen and the gold-clothed Nubis standing by Huang Tianba, their expressions became extremely ugly.

"Looks like my guess is correct. Jian Chen and the Huang family's relationship really isn't simple, and has basically reached a level where they hold treat the Hongfu clan as a common enemy." The Yan family mumbled inwardly. The simultaneous arrival of Jian Chen and Nubis with Huang Tianba had his guess.

Huang Tianba swept his gaze coldly across the people before him, and said with a cold smile, "Jin Tian, Jin Feng, you were right a few days ago. The grievances between our two families has gone on for too long, and it is about time to resolve it." Huang Tianba's gaze landed on the Yan family patriarch, "Patriarch of the Yan family, do you plan on fighting alongside with the Hongfu clan?"

Hearing what was said, the patriarch's expression changed slightly. He hurriedly moved away from the two Saint Rulers from the Hongfu clan, and smiled apologetically, "Today, I purposely came to dissolve the engagement with the Hongfu clan, and do not want to battle alongside with the Hongfu clan. Huang Tianba, you must not misunderstand this. From today onwards, matters of the Hongfu clan no longer have anything to do with my Yan family." The patriarch already knew that the Hongfu clan was beyond salvation, so he put it harshly, directly severing his connection to the Hongfu clan.

"Brother Jian Chen, a few days ago, I have offended you very much. I am aware of my mistake, and wish that brother Jian Chen can be the bigger person, and forgive the stupid things I have done in my ignorance. I will definitely bring generous gifts and personally visit to apologise in the future." The

patriarch's tone was euphemistic and extremely sincere, completely forgoing his identity as the patriarch of a family. This was because in his heart, if he could erase Jian Chen's discontent for the Yan family, he could even give up his position as the patriarch of the family. After all, Jian Chen was someone he definitely could not offend.

Seeing how sincere the patriarch of the Yan family was, Jian Chen did not act pettily and said straightforwardly, "As long as the patriarch of the Yan family does not interfere with the matters today, as well as guarantee that you will not treat us with hostility in the future, the small matters from a few days ago can be wiped off the slate."

Hearing what Jian Chen had said, the patriarch Yan family became overjoyed at the unexpected, good outcome. He laughed aloud, "Good, for brother Jian Chen to be so frank, I feel admiration. I'm definitely making you a friend of mine. Brother Jian Chen, my Yan family is situated on Mount Xuxi several tens of thousand kilometres away. If there is anything in the future that our Yan family can help with, feel free to ask. As long as my Yan family has the power, we will definitely not shy away from it, and help you with all of our ability.

Chapter 686: Chasing to Kill

The patriarch of the Yan family knew exactly how powerful Jian Chen was, as well as the fact that his talent was currently unprecedented on the Tian Yuan Continent and his future prospects would be inconceivable. As a result, as soon as the chance appeared, he would immediately attempt to ingratiate himself with Jian Chen, unwilling to miss any chances of developing a good relationship with Jian Chen.

"The patriarch of the Yan family is too polite. In the future, if Jian Chen has any areas that would require help, then I would have to trouble the Yan family." Jian Chen looked at the patriarch of the Yan family with a smile and his hands clasped. He did not turn down the patriarch's attempt to curry favor, as after all, the Yan family was a hermit family that possessed a powerful Saint Ruler and could not be so easily ignored. If he maintained a relationship with those types of families, no matter if it was for him, the Changyang clan or the Flame Mercenaries, it was definitely a good thing.

"Hahaha, it's not troublesome, it's not troublesome at all. My Yan family is extremely willing to help brother Jian Chen handle matters within our ability." The Yan family laughed without restraint, seeming to be extremely happy.

"Brother Jian Chen, I will not be delaying you any further. The Yan family just happens to have some small matters that require me to resolve, so I will be leaving first. In the future, if brother Jian Chen has the time, brother Jian Chen is welcome to come visit my Yan family as a guest." The patriarch of the Yan family did not stay for long, and left as soon as he said his farewells to Jian Chen.

The two Saint Rulers of the Hongfu clan watched the patriarch of the Yan family leave with gloomy expressions. When the patriarch of the Yan family severed his relationship with them at this crucial moment, it caused the two of them to be extremely mad, but they felt completely helpless.

"Jin Tian, Jin Feng, our two families have already been locked in constant strife for several thousand years. It should completely end today." Huang Tianba looked at the two Saint Rulers of the Hongfu clan with a cold smile, while in his hand, a golden longbow had already appeared. It was a Ruler Armament, the Solunar Bow.

However, Jin Tian and Jin Feng did not pay any attention to Huang Tianba. One of them looked at Jian Chen, “Jian Chen, regarding what had happened a few days ago with the tungsten alloy mine, the two of us indeed have gone overboard. We will sincerely apologise to you right here, so we wish that you will not interfere between matters of our Hongfu clan and the Huang family. As long as you and this dear friend stand down, the two of us will gift you a Ruler Armament. How you feel about this, Jian Chen?”

Hearing what was said, the corner of Jian Chen’s lips curled into a scornful cold smile. However, he did not say anything.

Seeing how Jian Chen did not reply, a Saint Ruler of the Hongfu clan continued, “Jian Chen, if you feel unsatisfied about the offer, we can add an additional condition: in the future, my Hongfu clan will help you do three things under any conditions, as long as they fall under our ability. Does this satisfy you?”

“Hahahaha, Jin Tian, Jian Feng, what you’ve done just now really has broadened my, horizons. Who would have thought you would actually have thoughts like this. However, I’d persuade you to give up on this. How can brother Jian Chen be roped into your side with just these cheap bargains?” Huang Tianba laughed. He looked at the two Saint Rulers, his gaze full of ridicule.

“Senior Huang has put it well. The two of you should give up on this.” Jian Chen conformed to what Huang Tianba had said.

The expressions of the two Saint Rulers changed,, “What if we gift two Ruler Armaments to you? We only need you, Jian Chen, and that brother to stand down and not interfere with what’s happening between our Hongfu clan and the Huang family.” This time, the two Saint Rulers did not hold back at all. They understood very well that if Jian Chen and Nubis worked together with Huang Tianba, they had no chance of victory even with the Ruler Armaments.

“Jin Tian, Jin Feng, quit rambling. When we kill the two of you, won’t the two Ruler Armaments you possess end up in our hands anyway? Take this.” Huang Tianba said with a cold smile, before directly drawing the longbow. A golden energy arrow quickly formed, before turning into a ray of golden light, shooting towards one of them like a bolt of lightning.

The two Saint Rulers already knew that the arrows shot by the Solunar Bow could not be dodged. Their reactions were not slow, drawing their Ruler Armaments at the same time. The two Ruler Armaments radiated with a dazzling light, and the ripple from the great energy that flowed out from the Ruler Armaments caused the surrounding space to greatly distort. Closely afterwards, the two swung their Ruler Armaments simultaneously, shooting out two great streams of energy to block the incoming golden energy arrow.

“Bang!”

The golden energy arrow and the energy from the two Ruler Armaments clashed mid-air, giving off a great, deafening bang. The aftereffects from gathering the great amounts of energy wreaked havoc everywhere. It were as if a violent gust of wind suddenly began to blow in the air and between the two groups, the space had been shattered, creating a fist-sized black hole. However, it returned to as it was before with the blink of an eye.

With every clashing of the powerful Saint Rulers, it contained the power capable of moving and destroying the earth. Every time they clashed, the powerful ripples created from the great energy would

affect the manor below. The ground which the manor stood on immediately began to crack and fissure, with several buildings collapsing one after another. With the blink of an eye, the originally-untouched manor had become a mess.

“Your distinguished self, the great Nubis, their power is around the same, so keep any one of them busy. Brother Jian Chen, we should work together to kill one.” Huang Tianba’s tone seemed to carry some excitement. The thousand-year old enmity that always weighed on the Huang family’s chest was about to be put to an end, so it moved him very much inside.

“Leave that person on the right for me to handle.” Nubis clenched his fist, and in the next moment, there was only a flash of golden light. He disappeared from where he originally was, directly rushing at Jin Feng who wielded a long spear.

“Senior Huang, use the Ruler Armament to keep him busy. I’ll go over and handle him.” Jian Chen said to Huang Tianba, before rushing towards Jin Tian who wielded a sword. Before, when he still had not become a Saint Ruler, he had the ability to match up with a Saint Ruler of the Fourth Heavenly Layer. Now that he had already become a Saint Ruler, Jian Chen urgently wanted to try out his current strength.

“Brother Jian Chen, be careful of the Ruler Armament in his hands. You must not take it head-on.” Huang Tianba was unable to stop him even if he wanted to, so he could only warn him.

The two Saint Rulers of the Hongfu clan became extremely solemn. Glancing at the manor that had already fallen into an utter mess below, the two immediately seem to had a tacit understanding. Turning into a flash, the two of them borrowed the Spatial Force to quickly flee far away.

“Want to run? Not that easy!” Nubis sneered, and followed closely, using Spatial Force to chase Jin Feng.

Jian Chen did not hesitate, and also used Spatial Force to closely chase after Jin Tian. However, Jin Tian had reached a greater level of comprehension, which meant that his level of understanding for the Spatial Force far exceeded Jian Chen’s. As a result, he pulled ahead by several kilometres just in the blink of an eye.

Huang Tianba stood where he was before, slowly drawing the longbow in a calm and composed fashion. He directly shot out an invisible energy arrow. The energy arrow was formed from the World Energy. It was invisible and formless, completely undetectable to the naked eye.

The arrow formed from World Force tightly locked onto Jin Tian’s presence. It seemed to even possess the power to teleport through space. It chased after Jin Tian with an even greater speed, immediately traversing several dozen kilometers, arriving behind Jin Tian.

Chapter 687: Punch

Feeling how he was about to be hit by the invisible arrow, Jin Tian did not run any further. He immediately stopped and the Saint Force within him surged violently like a wild river, flowing into his Ruler Armament. It caused the sword-shaped Ruler Armament in his hand to glow with dazzling light, even causing the scorching sun in the sky to seem dim. The great, vast energy caused the world to tremble, and the surrounding space seemed to almost shatter in attempt to contain the powerful energy.

“Ha!” Jin Tian suddenly yelled aloud and the Ruler Armament in his hand turned into a ray of silver light. It flashed like lightning as he swung it, cutting open a three meter long, black crack in the space in front of him.

Bang! The Ruler Armament and the invisible arrow formed from World Force rammed into each other, and a sound greater than before erupted forth. The violent energy ripples flooded the area, causing the space within a radius of several hundred meters to become heavily distorted.

After the strike, Jin Tian’s complexion immediately began to pale somewhat. A quiet, muffled grunt came out through his throat with difficulty as he flew backwards uncontrollably. Jin Tian already received some internal injuries.

Although he and Huang Tianba both had Ruler Armaments, it was not enough to bridge the huge gap between their power. The arrow shot out by Huang Tianba was also created from World Force, a power that could not be compared to Saint Force. As a result, just from the first time they had clashed, Jin Tian already received a few light injuries.

Jin Tian shot through the sky like a shooting star, flying backwards for a whole several kilometers before slowly stabilizing himself. He looked at Huang Tianba who was currently chasing behind him with an ugly expression. The light in his eyes flickered, and he muttered inwardly, “The two of us definitely are not opponents to Huang Tianba and the other two. If we continue, there is only death. Whatever, there’s always hope when there’s life. Staying alive is most important. As long as I am still alive, even if the Hongfu Clan falls, I can just rebuild it in the future.” Jin Tian already lost all intention to battle and thoughts of retreat bloomed.

However, just when Jin Tian made up his mind to flee with all his strength without any more regardless for other things, the space before him began to fluctuate. He only saw that Jian Chen, who had also used Spatial Force, had already caught up, with a fist directly heading towards his head.

Jian Chen’s punch was extremely ordinary. It did not contain the presence of any force, and seemed just like a powerless fist. However, it was exactly such an ordinary-looking punch that had caused Jin Tian to become solemn, unwilling to underestimate it even in the slightest. This was because he could clearly feel that the surrounding space in which Jian Chen’s fist had passed through seemed to be squeezed by a great power.

Jin Tian did not dare to be careless. Saint Force coalesced in his hand like a great surging river and he swung it at Jian Chen. He did not hold back at all with the strike, directly using his full power.

When the punches met each other, a muffled sound erupted, similar to muffled thunder. The violent energy ripple exploded where their fists had met, rushing wildly in all directions. It seemed to even be able to create a gust of violent wind in a land beyond the nine heavens.

Crack! The bones of Jin Tian’s entire left arm became fractured, and his arm drooped down powerlessly.

“This... how is this possible? Just what is this force, actually so strong?” Jin Tian stared at Jian Chen out of shock, and his face was engulfed by disbelief. He could clearly feel that in Jian Chen’s fist, there was actually an extremely strong and unknown, mysterious power hidden. The power was far stronger than the Saint Force he used. The moment the two came in contact, the Saint Force that covered his entire left arm was scattered by the mysterious but powerful power.

Jian Chen curled the corner of his lips into a cold smile and said, "For someone who is about to die, there is no harm in telling you. At least it can let you die with content. This type of power is called Chaotic Force!"

"Chaotic Force?" Jin Tian mumbled quietly. His face was shrouded with doubt. It was very obvious that he had never heard of Chaotic Force.

However, Jian Chen did not give him any time to react. Chaotic Force surged into every corner of his body, which caused the insane defence of Chaotic Force to be raised to the limit. Afterwards, he swung at Jin Tian again.

Jin Tian returned to his senses very quickly, immediately retreating abruptly. The Ruler Armament in his right hand radiated brightly, becoming similar to the scorching sun radiating its dazzling light into the world. Afterwards, he chopped at Jian Chen's punch like lightning.

Chapter 688: Acquiring the Ruler Armament

"Brother Jian Chen, be careful of the Ruler Armament in his hands. You mustn't take it head-on." Huang Tianba's warning flashed through Jian Chen's mind. However, facing the Ruler Armament that was currently rushing at him, Jian Chen did not intend to dodge in the slightest. Only a sliver of madness flashed through his eyes while a great amount of Chaotic Force poured out of his chaotic neidan, coalescing in his right fist. He directly swung the fist at the incoming Ruler Armament.

This time, Jian Chen wanted to forcefully fend off the powerful Ruler Armament with his own flesh. This was because he was extremely confident in the defence of his Chaotic Body. Also, even with Jin Tian's strength in the Third Heavenly Layer paired with the Ruler Armament, it was still around the Fourth Heavenly Layer, similar to the Sect of Dragon and Tiger's Situ Qing. It was definitely not as strong as the Fifth Heavenly Layer, so even though such an attack could injure Jian Chen, it definitely could not heavily injure him.

"Jian Chen, you're looking to die yourself!" Seeing how Jian Chen actually wanted to use his body to forcefully blocked the Ruler Armament, Jin Tian's mouth curled into a sneer. This was because the power of the Ruler Armament was so strong that even someone in the Sixth Heavenly Layer would not dare to receive it head-on, let alone Jian Chen whose strength was far from that.

Bang! Jian Chen's punch collided firmly with the edge of the Ruler Armament and actually gave off a sound of metal striking rock. Jian Chen's fist did not even seem like a body part, but some type of extremely tough metal.

The fist and Ruler Armament separated as soon as they collided, actually rebounding from the great energy. As for the two people, they also shot backwards from the strong rebound energy, finally stabilizing themselves after travelling over a hundred meters.

All that could be seen was the a horrifying injury on Jian Chen's right fist. It was bone-deep, and had travelled half way through his fingers. Fresh blood dyed his entire hand red.

Over a hundred meters away, Jin Tian stared at Jian Chen's hand with his eyes full of surprise. He exclaimed in disbelief, "This... how is this possible! What... what... just what is your hand made of?! The

body of humans can never be this strong! I had even used a Ruler Armament, and it didn't even chop off your arm! This, this is impossible."

Looking at Jin Tian in shock, Jian Chen could not help but reveal a sneer. He glanced at his bloody hand and with a slight thought, the Chaotic Force spewed out from the chaotic neidan in his dantian. Afterwards, it quickly flowed into his right hand.

At that moment, the destructive Chaotic Force seemed to turn into an extremely regenerative life force, actually healing the injury on Jian Chen's hand with a speed that had even exceeded Radiant Saint Force.

Jian Chen's Chaotic Body possessed very great regeneration abilities, but after using Chaotic Force for a period of time, Jian Chen had already discovered that it had other, wondrous uses. If Chaotic Force was gathered around an injury, it would make the injury regenerate even faster.

The injury on Jian Chen's right hand actually healed at a visible rate. Whether it was his skin or his finger bones that were almost broken, they all completely healed. The fresh blood on his hand even seemed to come alive, slowly withdrawing itself into the wound on the hand.

Jin Tian's eyes had already become the size of bells, staring directly at Jian Chen's palm. He had lived so long, yet this was the first time he had ever seen such an unimaginable sight.

After a few breaths, Jian Chen's right hand completely recovered and seemed no different from usual. There were not even any marks left by the blood.

"This... this... this is impossible... this is impossible, this is definitely impossible." Shock erupted in Jin Tian's heart as he mumbled at a loss. Even though he was a Saint Ruler, he was still deeply astonished by the extremely weird sight he had just seen.

Just when Jin Tian was at a loss, a small ripple in space suddenly appeared in front of him. An arrow completely composed of the energy of the world had already arrived before him without any sign, directly piercing through Jin Tian's chest.

Tzk! A finger sized hole appeared on Jin Tian's chest and quickly expanded. In the blink of an eye, it had expanded to the size of a fist, passing through his chest. Bright red blood immediately spurted out of Jin Tian's body like a geyser, quickly dyeing his clothes red.

A grunt of pain echoed from Jin Tian's mouth and his complexion immediately began to pale. He also swayed mid-air, almost falling out of the sky. Being hit by an arrow completely formed from World Force definitely was not good. Just a single arrow actually caused a proper Saint Ruler to be heavily injured.

A light of interest flashed across Jian Chen's eyes. He knew that this was a good chance to kill Jin Tian. With a flash, he utilised Spatial Force to traverse the hundred metres to arrive in front of Jin Tian. Using his just-recovered right hand, he filled it with a tremendous surge of Chaotic Force and swung it at Jin Tian's head.

Jin Tian was heavily injured, so all his powers had been greatly decreased. Jian Chen's fist seemed to fuse with the space, firmly landing it on Jin Tian's head like a lightning bolt.

Bang! With a muffled sound, Jin Tian's head had been struck, which caused his entire body to fly backwards faraway. His skull was broken, and blood sprayed into the air like a lovely flower blooming mid-air.

Jian Chen knew that without wiping out the soul of a powerful Saint Ruler, it was impossible to kill one, even if their heads had caved in. He did not hesitate in the slightest, and with a flash, he chased Jin Tian who was knocked flying like a lightning bolt through the use of Spatial Force. He threw another violent punch towards Jin Tian's head.

Smack! This time, Jin Tian's entire head fell apart from Jian Chen's punch, with white brains mixed with blood flying in all directions. With that, Jin Tian had lost his ability to fly, falling out of the sky.

Seeing how Jin Tian's head fall apart, Jian Chen finally let out a breath. It really was not simple to kill a Saint Ruler. If Jin Tian had not been heavily injured by the arrow from Huang Tianba, Jian Chen would not have been able to kill a powerful Saint Ruler so easily.

Jian Chen's gaze landed on the Ruler Armament that was still tightly grasped by Jin Tian's corpse. He grabbed at it, and the sword-shaped Ruler Armament immediately left Jin Tian's hand, flying to him.

Grasping the thin sword that was around the same size as the Light Wind Sword, Jian Chen immediately felt like he had returned to the days of travelling only with a sword. With a sword in hand, there is only me.

Jian Chen could not help but reveal a happy smile. He had finally found a suitable weapon, which had made him unable to suppress his excitement.

Just at this moment, Jian Chen was slightly startled. He looked away from the Ruler Armament he had just obtained and stared downwards with interest. He only saw that from the broken skull, a white ball of feeble light suddenly drifted out. As soon as the ball of light had appeared, it began to flee into the distance like a bolt of lightning.

Swish!

Just when the ball of light had travelled several hundred meters, a silver arrow chased up to it from behind, directly piercing through it.

"Ah!" A desolate cry resounded from the ball of light and the light began to disperse shortly afterwards. After a while, it had completely disappeared.

"Brother Jian Chen, Saint Rulers have already refined their origin soul. Only by wiping out the origin soul can you truly kill a powerful Saint Ruler. That ball of light earlier was Jin Tian's origin soul." Huang Tianba said to Jian Chen with a smile as he hurried over from behind at his own pace.

Chapter 689: The Dragon Slaying Sword

"Is that so? I thought Saint Rulers were the same as Heaven Saint Masters; as long as their heads were smashed, their soul would also be extinguished." Jian Chen spoke with surprise. However, he also felt some doubt. Why did he not feel the origin soul Huang Tianba was talking about inside him?

"Perhaps it's because the sword spirits have combined with my presence, causing my soul to mutate, which is why I haven't refined an origin soul?" Jian Chen questioned himself secretly.

Huang Tianba chuckled, "The origin souls of Saint Rulers are extremely hard to deal with. They're not as weak as Heaven Saint Masters. If only the head is destroyed, it's not enough to wipe out the origin soul and would require additional work. This time if we let Jin Tian's origin soul escape, he would return to how he was before without much time."

Hearing that, a sliver of surprise flashed across Jian Chen's eyes, "Are Saint Rulers able to rebuild their bodies with just the origin soul?"

"That's not necessarily true. Although Saint Rulers are powerful, they don't have such a terrifying power." Huang Tianba shook his head and explained, "It's because the origin souls of Saint Rulers have the ability to possess, to forcefully take over other people's bodies and survive in another form."

"Possess? I never thought that Saint Rulers would actually have such an ability." Hearing what Huang Tianba had said, Jian Chen gained a better understanding of the powers of Saint Rulers.

Huang Tianba looked at the Ruler Armament in Jian Chen's hands, "This is one of the two Ruler Armaments of the Hongfu Clan, the Dragon Slaying Sword. The legends say that the original owner of the Saint Weapon had killed a peak Class 7 Black Dragon, dyeing it with the blood of the Black Dragon. As a result, the sword was called the Dragon Slaying Sword by the first owner. Brother Jian Chen, do you feel that the sword is suitable?"

Jian Chen's gaze immediately landed on the Ruler Armament he had just obtained. Perhaps it was because of the loss of Saint Force, the light given off by the Dragon Slaying Sword was not as blinding as before. It was just that the sword was covered by a hazy layer of glittering light, so it seemed very out of the ordinary.

Looking through the hazy layer, Jian Chen could vaguely see that the Dragon Slaying Sword was two fingers wide and there was an image of a seemingly-living dragon on it. He did not know how it appeared on it.

Grasping the Dragon Slaying Sword, Jian Chen could not help but reveal a deep sense of happiness. It immediately caused his bearing to change, from that of an ordinary-looking person to something similar to a drawn, treasured sword, showing off its abilities.

In that moment, Jian Chen completely changed. It was as if he had turned into a divine sword, a peerless Deity Sword planted between the heavens and the earth.

Huang Tianba's gaze turned solemn. He could feel the soaring Sword Qi from Jian Chen's aura. The Sword Qi was so abrupt that it had even caused him to feel fearful.

Hum! Suddenly, Jian Chen's arm shook. The Dragon Slaying Sword in his hand immediately gave off a low resonance, sounding just like a Black Dragon roaring in anguish and lament. Afterwards, Jian Chen swung his hand at great speed, striking out at an unbelievable speed. The Dragon Slaying Sword turned into several afterimages, enveloping all the space in front of him. The afterimages were so clustered that it was hard to tell what was real or fake.

"What a fast strike. I've never seen such an exquisite swordplay. Brother Jian Chen really does hide his abilities. Who would've thought his swordplay is actually so great." Huang Tianba could not help but sigh.

Only after using it to his heart's content did Jian Chen slowly stop. He looked at the sword with joy. At that moment, the excitement inside him had already reached the maximum. Not only did the Ruler Armament make up for his awkwardness of being unarmed, it actually could also withstand Chaotic Force. This finally allowed him to be able to use his excelling areas in an exceptional way.

Although Chaotic Force, together with the Chaotic Body, gave him great fighting strength, he was still a swordsman, a powerful sword-user. Only with a sword could he feel at ease.

Just at this moment, a series of loud sounds echoed from over five kilometers away. They only saw that in the distance, several mountain peaks had collapsed simultaneously and a large amount of loose rock shot into the sky. Also, a powerful energy rippled turned into a violent whirlwind, which wreaked havoc everywhere it travelled. It had even caused Jian Chen and Huang Tianba's clothes to flutter about wildly, even though it originated from five kilometers away.

"Brother Jian Chen, you rest for a while. I'll go help Nubis to kill Jin Feng." Huang Tianba called out to Jian Chen and then flew over with his longbow.

In the distance, Nubis and Jin Feng were still stuck in an intense battle. Although they were at a similar level in cultivation, Nubis was an ancient magical beast. His battle ability could be compared to a powerful Saint Ruler of the Sixth Heavenly Layer. Even with a Ruler Armament, Jin Feng definitely was not Nubis's opponent, so it was an uphill battle for him. Also, he had already been poisoned by the venom of the Silver Striped Golden Snake. It was currently spreading in his body, so at this very moment, Jin Feng's complexion had already turned to a bluish-black.

"Old man, even if you have a Ruler Armament, in front of me, the great Nubis, it's useless. Prepare to die." Nubis laughed aloud. He completely looked down on Jin Feng.

"The great Nubis, I, Huang Tianba, have come to help you." Huang Tianba hurried to him from behind.

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Seeing Huang Tianba flying over quickly from the distance, Nubis laughed aloud, "I don't need your help. I can finish him off myself." Nubis suddenly radiated with a dazzling golden light. Countless strands of golden threads shot out from his body, flying towards Jin Tian abruptly. A portion of the golden threads tightly wounded around Jin Feng's Ruler Armament, while the other portion wrapped around Jin Feng. It enveloped his body like a cocoon, completely immobilising him.

"Argh!" Jin Feng yelled angrily upwards. The Saint Force within him surged out like water from a broken dam, attempting to forcefully break the golden threads.

However, the golden threads were not everyday objects. Not only were they abnormally tough, they were extremely pliable. No matter how hard Jin Feng tried, he was unable to break through the binding.

"Old man, unless you have the power of the Fourth Heavenly Layer, don't even think of escaping from the binding of my golden threads I have created. In front of me, the great Nubis, you won't even have the ability to run away." Looking at Jin Feng who was currently trying to break out with all of his might, Nubis could not help but sneer at him. Afterwards, he used Spatial Force to arrive in front of Jin Feng in a flash. He used his right hand as a claw, directly passing through the golden threads and stabbing Jin Feng in the chest. He dug out the bloody heart from Jin Feng's body.

Sniffing the heavy, bloody smell that permeated into the air, his eyes became vaguely bloodshot. The sharp smell of blood had already begun to slowly excite the bloodthirsty nature of his bloodline.

Nubis stared ruthlessly at Jin Feng who was currently wrapped in golden thread and in great pain. Tightening his grip, he immediately crushed the heart in his hand. He smiled coldly, "Isn't it very painful? I've already forgotten how many people I, the great Nubis, have killed. As the first human Saint Ruler to die by my hands in the past few years, you should feel very honored. Now, allow me to end your life." A golden ball of light suddenly appeared out of Nubis's right hand. Most of the power from the golden thread had already gathered around his hand, but just when he wanted to crush Jin Feng's head and wipe out the origin soul, a soaring Sword Qi suddenly rush over from far away. The swiftness and ferocity of the Sword Qi was rarely seen in the world. It was like a terrifying gas that filled the surrounding space with great killing intent.

In the next moment, a loud and clear voice accompanied the soaring Sword Qi from the distance, "Nubis, let me finish him off."

The bloodshot redness in Nubis's eyes slowly receded. Along with it, the bloodthirsty nature that had just been excited also slowly receded. As a Class 7 magical beast, although Nubis was unable to change the innate nature of magical beasts, he was still able to control his emotions at will.

Nubis returned to normal very quickly. He turned around and looked at Jian Chen who was currently approaching him. He could not help but feel shocked and mumbled, "Isn't it just a Ruler Armament? Why do I feel that Jian Chen has completely changed? That bearing actually even made me feel fearful. Since you want to finish off that old man, I, the great Nubis, will let you do it. I'll also get to see how powerful you are with the presence you are giving off."

The golden threads binding Jin Feng returned to Nubis and Jin Feng also regained his mobility. Afterwards, he did not hesitate in the slightest, immediately giving it his all to flee for his life.

A sneer appeared on Huang Tianba's face, "In front of my Solunar Bow, there has not been a Saint Ruler that has successfully escaped." Huang Tianba grabbed the bow on his back, and a golden energy arrow formed from Saint Force quickly appeared.

However, just when Huang Tianba was about to shoot the arrow, a Sword Qi rushed over from the distance. He only saw that several kilometers away, Jian Chen had swung his sword and a powerful, meter-long Sword Qi radiating with a dark, beautiful glow approached Jin Feng with an unbelievable speed. The Sword Qi was made entirely of Chaotic Force and contained extremely terrifying power. Wherever the Sword Qi had passed over, it would cause the space to crack.

The Sword Qi was so quick that it seemed to be able to teleport, completely exceeding Jin Feng's escape speed. Just after fleeing for a few kilometres, Jin Feng was caught up by the Sword Qi. Afterwards, it passed through him like a hot knife through butter.

"Argh!" Jin Feng immediately gave off a shrill cry. Chaotic Force was extremely powerful. When the Sword Qi formed from Chaotic Force had passed through his body, a small amount of the force was deposited into his body. At this moment, the tiny amount of Chaotic Force was wreaking violent havoc in his body, quickly obliterating his inner organs. His powerful Saint Force was actually unable to do

anything about the tiny amount of Chaotic Force. No matter how he tried, he was unable to extinguish the Chaotic Force.

“Just... just what is this power?!” Jin Tian’s heart was filled with dread. The residue power in his body was the first time he had ever seen such a powerful energy. Before, he had not ever seen or heard such a power, because the strength of it had exceeded his understanding to the various forces of Tian Yuan Continent.

“What a great energy! That strike actually is completely equal to one from a Fifth Heavenly Layer Saint Ruler. Brother Jian Chen, just... just... just how did he become so strong? Even if he had obtained a Ruler Armament, his strength definitely could not have increased so greatly.” Huang Tianba sighed in surprise secretly. The power of Jian Chen’s strike had shocked him, because he knew very well that Jian Chen had just become a Saint Ruler.

However, when Huang Tianba thought about it again, he remembered how Jian Chen was outstanding in every aspect and could not be judged on a normal standard. As a result, he was relieved of the previous thought. He only stared at Jian Chen with a complicated expression, and used a voice only he could hear to mumble, “Looks like the publicly recognized number one expert of Tian Yun Continent will appear again soon. Brother Jian Chen has such unbelievable accomplishments even though he is still in his twenties. Other than the city lord of Mercenary City, Mo Tianyun, perhaps there is no one else in the Tian Yun Continent that can be compared to him.

Nubis was also completely stounded. He stared at Jian Chen flabbergasted and was extremely uncalm in his heart. He had naturally felt the strike Jian Chen had struck out. Even though he possessed the body of an ancient beast, he definitely could not withstand the blow.

As a magical beast, he possessed a heaven-sent advantage and was stronger than humans in various aspects. However, Nubis could clearly feel that the Sword Qi struck out by Jian Chen actually possessed an extremely terrifying power. Not only was the power extremely overbearing, it was filled with destruction. With his innate and terrifying instincts as a magical beast, Nubis had even felt that there was nothing in the world that could stop the destruction of the terrifying power.

“That terrifying power isn’t recorded in my inherited memories. Does this mean that it’s never appeared on the Tian Yun Continent before? Perhaps it’s just because no Silver Striped Golden Snake has come across it before.”

“I really wonder whether Jian Chen is a reincarnation of Mo Tianyun now. Other than Mo Tian Yun, who else on the Tian Yun Continent has such terrifying talent and battle capability? Also, the force used by Mo Tianyun was just as terrifying.” Nubis glanced at Jian Chen with an extremely complicated expression. At this moment, Jian Chen’s status in his heart had already undergone some minor changes.

With the fusion of man with sword, Jian Chen had become a sword. His entire body had suddenly turned into something similar to a sharp sword and charged at Jin Feng. Although his speed was not as fast as travelling with the use of Spatial Force, it was not much slower.

In the blink of an eye, Jian Chen had arrived in front of Jin Feng. He poured the Chaotic Force from his body into the Ruler Armament and the glittering glow of the Ruler Armament was immediately suppressed, giving off a dark, beautiful glow.

Jian Chen quickly swung his hand. The Dragon Slaying Sword immediately turned into densely-packed sword which enveloped Jin Feng. With every blow Jian Chen struck out, there were profound principles behind them. The swordplay was extremely exquisite, as if it was heaven-made. It was so perfect and so flawless.

“Argh!” Being enveloped by the swords, Jin Feng gave out a shrill cry. Fresh blood constantly splashed everywhere and in a short two breaths, Jin Feng had already turned into a blood-washed man. Horrifying wounds covered on his body and he had no inch untouched.

In such a short moment, Jian Chen had caused over a thousand wounds on Jin Feng’s body.

Nubis and Huang Tianba who were spectating from afar gasped together. They looked at Jian Chen in astonishment. At this very moment, a thought appeared in their heads simultaneously: What a fast sword!

“Who would have thought brother Jian Chen is actually so terrifying with a sword. Before, I definitely underestimated him. Perhaps this is brother Jian Chen’s true strength. Such a fast speed in striking is just too scary. If it’s speed, who can be his opponent?” Huang Tianba said in his heart.

Whoosh! At this moment, the Dragon Slaying Sword flashed, turning into a blur which slid across Jin Feng’s throat. Jin Feng’s head and body immediately separated, with his head thrown high up into the air.

Jian Chen’s expression was cold and shot a swift but forceful glance at Jin Feng’s head. Afterwards, he immediately chased after it. The Dragon Slaying Sword in his hands gave out a deep hum. It was the sound created from the great drag between the high-speed sword and the air. Afterwards, he directly thrust out in the simple fashion, piercing Jin Feng’s head in between the brows and travelling to the other side of the skull. Jian Chen did not wait for Jin Feng’s origin soul to escape and the Chaotic Force contained within the Dragon Slaying Sword immediately erupted, blowing up Jin Feng’s head and directly wiping out the origin soul hidden inside altogether.